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ANARCHIST COURIER FROM EASTERN EUROPE

There is a justifiable need to abolish the borders between nations, societies, cultures and whatever else separates and defines us. In order that this process does not lead to the formation of new borders or other types of segregation, like those established by elitist institutions such as the EU, NATO or UN, it has to be done from below, by the people. There is an enduring need to immediately abolish all states, governments and authoritarian institutions so that communities based on common values such as freedom, respect, cooperation and solidarity can be formed. These communities in turn can lead to the transformation of the world order into one based on the above mentioned values. In order to push that process forward with support for the development of the anarchist movement over the borders we have created ...

"Abolishing the Borders from Below"

an anarchist courier from Eastern Europe

There are many reasons why it is necessary to put out this type of publication on a regular basis. There are a large number of anarchist groups in EE which could operate much more effectively with a continual exchange of ideas, tactics, experiences and materials with similarly minded groups from all over Europe and the World. It is clear that many western activists are also interested in the ideas and actions of the "eastern anarchists". We believe it to be necessary to tighten the cooperation between east and west in resisting Fortress Europe, the globalization of the world economy, and above all capitalism and it's effects on our life. A mutual exchange of inspirations, motivations, and cooperation from anarchist communities all over Europe is needed on a day to day basis not only in times of international protests like the ones in Prague, Gothenburg and Genoa. The intent of this paper is to set up a better network of communication between groups and individuals from different parts of this continent. It is also a platform for regular presentation and exchange for various anarchist groups from EE itself, as well as helping to strengthen contacts between them and will hopefully lead to mutual inspiration. It also gives an opportunity for effectively organizing common campaigns and struggles. The process of creating an editorial team for AbolishingBB was a great step toward this so we appeal to everyone to make the most of the information here as effectively as possible. Finally this paper can be seen also as a mirror of our movement so every positive development in EE is coming back to us in form of motivation for further work on this magazine ...

An anarchist courier

"AbolishingBB" is a bi-monthly bulletin with information on different political and cultural anarchist/anti-authoritarian activities in Eastern Europe.

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Financial side

Unfortunately until now we were not able to cover our editorial costs only through selling the newspaper so we are always very open for some benefits from outside.

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As you probably noticed *the english* which is used in this newspaper is very far from its gramatical and stylistic ideals. It is mostly because this is *english* in which most of our corespondents, big part of our readers and most of us (as the editors) are communicating. So obviously we choose to use *english* which is understandable for ourslves. Secondly, we decided to be rather "*bad english* reputation" newspaper as to rise a level of language and this way eliminate probably 30-60% of our regular readers, especialy in south and eastern Europe.

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This website is from one side a source of information about our collective but basicly - an archieve of all texts which appeared in our newspaper in the past. Some of them will never lose of its worth ! Check it out (some chapters are still under construction).

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editorial proclamation

Welcome to the new issue of AbolishingBB, an anarchist courier from ... the newly segregated and freshly sold out to international capitalist powers ... Eastern Europe! The new-liberal development in Europe achieved a so called east-expansion, rather not at May-1-2004 but during the recent years of economical and political blackmail, that you can call rather a new-colonialism as it is about to capture new markets for global overproduction. The intended price stability on the EU level effects an increase of the profits and further impoverishment of the population. The iron curtain for the labour force leads to dumping of wages for the reason that the intentionally tolerated development of the "illegal job market" helps the capitalists to pay employees amounts under normal wage agreements and without social security. Naturally, they have to accordingly discipline the constantly larger and larger dissatisfied population. They do it through the development of a police structures, exchange of information between them, and tolerance of police brutality. So for example recent weeks have turned into hunting season for police on the people. Polish and Russian cops are the leaders of this problem. Not only rubber bullets but also sharp ammunition is more and more frequently used in Poland and they want to portray its use as harmless or only as "an error". Two "accidentally" executed students and one car driver are the very last casualties of these polish cowboys. Such tragic examples of non-politically motivated murders brings as well a conclusion that in the times when civil people are being accidentally killed by the uniformed ones, any eventual politically motivated execution can be so easy to turn into another accident. In Russia the police brutality is traditionally even more perverse than in Poland. The number of Russian whistle blowers which have been "eliminated" is unknown as even the media "don't want" to cover such stories. It goes so far that during the Mayday protests in one of the Russian cities a military vehicle ran over the demonstration, killing one person and injuring several, and nobody even put a comment about it in the mainstream media.

Paradoxally, in these two countries more "freedom of state violence" is being introduced these days in form of new laws. Certainly Russia belongs not to the EU but to the global new-liberalism which doesn't know (in double sense) any borders at least for the own protuberances. By the way, already four years ago an enthusiast of globalisation, New York Times columnist Thomas Friedman wrote: "A latent hand of the market can not act without a latent fist". So the bull-fist is more visible now.

To return to Poland, which is basically now in a "state of anarchy" due to the fact that the government fell apart two months ago. Some comedians from the former government are saying that since few weeks "the economy is booming!", and "we have reached a 6% economic growth rate." The same elite-gang wants actually to build again a "new" government. Yet, if such an economic wonder in this land has been achieved without a government, why do they need to maintain one at all?

Bl@ck Block a`la Pologne
picture from alterglobalists march in Warsaw during the anti-EEF-summit Wa29

Fortunately it seems that the Polish population basically doesn't want anyone to govern. In pre-votes in the end of May just 12% show their readiness to still take a part in this electoral game. By the way, the formally not-existing Polish government has recently presented, directly from its grave, another "wonder" as a result of their brilliant policies: in recent weeks "unemployment in Poland dropped" for the first time in ages. Sensational news! Hmm ... unfortunately for them, Polish media are reporting about how a wave of Polish people have crossed the western border to Germany at the beginning of May. So this is from where wonder comes ...

Actually "no government periods" it is anything but a new event in the EU. We have heard of this situation for many years in Italy. They seem to frequently change both their parliament and political majorities, and the governments exists often less than one year long but the economy works all the same. The new-liberal economy can develop with no disturbance furthermore. It just needs some local tools, friendly governments and institutions, to clean up the field. Without these tools societies could reject their offers.

And they actually do it. Developments in countries like Poland or Slovakia are showing that people are turning their frustration into resistance. Even during a quite confusing podium-discussion on EU-enlargement and its effects on strategies of anti-authoritarian leftists in EE, which took place on international BUKO-Congress in Kassel (Germany), the very contradictionary activist speakers from various EE-countries, seemed to agree at least on one thing: EE populations are in a large part disillusioned about the free-market and capitalist realities.

Second thing which came out during Kassel-discussion as a common one for whole region was the huge role of mainstream media in 15 years of a disinformation campaign led in the name of global capital. Conclusion? The need to break the monopoly of capitalist media seems to be a big task for EE anarchists and other people interested in changes.

This is as well a task which could be reached through common work with western groups. Especially that the left west of the Oder/Neisse line seem to have finally noticed this necessisty. It already made evident in the number of recent events, such ones like in Kassel at the BUKO conference, but as well in Berlin and some other cities. Yes, it is high time not only side by side but also TOGETHER that we learn to build anti-authoritarian left / anarchist initiatives, structures and networks. For example in Belgrade with the 3rd European, and the first East European, PGA conference. Breaking the media monopoly, strengthening global solidarity and understanding of situation, looking for interregional ways to fight the "locally - globally exploiting" enemies, estimating the potential of social struggles in the whole EE, connecting activist projects with social explosions ... so many important topics to discuss ... Yeah! - you really should actively join the Belgrade conference ... in order to finally complete the (left) Babel tower ... the tower of freedom!

Well, if you check this issue there are more possibilities to push our work forward this summer - camps, conferences, international protests (Serbia, Belarus, Turkey, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Poland ...). Especially Belarusian and Polish groups are in fact ... abolishing the borders from below ... through organising on the both sides of the new iron-curtain international activists camps.

Writing about EE societies turning their frustration into resistance against the capitalist system in general, we have mentioned one of the characteristic processes for the region. Unfortunately there is the other one which is an increase of homophobic and xenophobic tendencies. Wild attacks on a gay-lesbian parade in Krakow (Poland), possible cancelation of similar events in Belgrade and Warsaw, racist behaviour against Roma people and people from the Caucasus, permanent reports about fascist activities in Russia – have become very typical news from EE countries. Therefore we have strongly welcomed a first International Conference *Media & Xenophobia* which took place just a few days ago in Czech Republic and discussed the situation of ethnic minorities and migrants in Central and Eastern Europe. We hope to inform you in the next issue of AbolishingBB about the results of this conference.

Well, no space for more exact presentation of the content of ABB#16 this time. Just take a look inside. We would like to send thanks to a lot of you which supported us financially during our fiscal crises in last few months and especially to ACTIVE DISTRIBUTION which decided to sponsor this edition! Please support this newspaper as well through distributing it in your neighbourhoods and spreading the message about its existence. We hope to meet many of you in Belgrade at the end of July. Otherwise, we will be back to you as usual in about two months. Viva Anarchie !

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The 3rd European Conference of the PGA

July 23-29 BELGRADE

interview with activists from Serbia

"There are movements, throughout the region, who are rooted in communities and with an ideology, if that is the right word, that springs from the ideas of neighborliness, dignity and life, movements who proffer winnable demands which they pursue with considerable imagination and vigor. It is our intention to contribute to Eastern European radical and libertarian movement which would develop a class politics but without getting bogged down in the damp of passionless dogmas of hitherto existing radical left or bying into class compromise in some way. Movement with a world-historical sense of itself but focusing on combat with local enemies (...)

"What kind of activism do we want? After 50 years of totalitarian state communism, and 10-15 years of aggressive capitalism, how can we reach people with ideas of something completely different? How do we do it when all of the media are giving you only one option: CAPITALISM?"

DSM Activists from Belgrade

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Just a few weeks are left to the event with which we are connecting so much hope. Gathering which never before took place in "post-communist" Europe and which is coming there exactly when the social mud is about to reach its pick of frustration. In the moment when there is a huge need, so as was a big potential, to break the stereotyps of apathy and no-alternative way. Anti-authoritarian leftists in the region are currently focusing on moving beyond the activist-ghetto and it could be the very best moment for that as some of their crucial principles such as self-organization, cooperation and solidarity becoming the common tool for societies in the region as a consequence of the situation in which they find themselves. The gathering has a chance to give a new sense and dynamic to the social struggles in that region, and it will take place in Belgrade under the umbrella of PGA network. More information about PGA itself and about reasons why it happend to be set up this time in Eastern Europe you can find in AbolishingBB from February or directly on PGA websites.

Here we would like to present you an interview with Mirko Bazdarevic and Slavenka Begic from DSM! - group which has taken on the responsibility of organization of this conference.

Could you tell us from the begining exactly how it happend that the next European conference of PGA will take place in Belgrade ?

It started with the encouragement of our friends from Eurodusney who had encouraged us to undertake this huge responsibility. This was a very important step for us, as a young network, a sort of mini PGA, based on PGA hallmarks, bringing together anticapitalist collectives from Post-Yugoslavia. We recognized ourselves immidiately in PGA-not only because many of our activists were active in the PGA process before. We think that the convenor role, the one that we assumed, bears an important significance. It is almost as equally important for the global network, and for us locally here in the country of "total defeat", where resistance and autonomous struggles are still colored by the overwhelming influence of the NGO's and certain "civil society" organizations. Many of the "civil society" causes are noble but many of those speaking on behalf of these causes are not. The world of NGOs in EEurope is cynical yet self-righteous, populist yet undemocratic, and sympathetic yet disempowering arena. To our minds, the goverment ministers in dark suits appear no more confomist and dogmatic the the bevy of bleeding hearts wearing support Iraq t-shirts. Most of our activists remain hostile toward the institutions of NGO's. So the idea of

promoting PGA values, inscribed in it's famous history and hallmarks, was a natural choice.

How would you charactarize the local group which is preaparing this conference?

DSM - Drugaciji svet je moguc! (Another world is possible!) is a group of very diverse anti-capitalist collectives, working together under its manifesto and PGA Hallmarks. As a pretty young movement we managed to mobilize people working together on projects like squatting, anti-election campaigns, organizing lectures, protests, etc. We are the first movement of this kind in Serbia. Our current objective is the conference. Some of our actions in the past were quite successful. From a global day of solidarity with Argentina two years ago to the first squatting action in Belgrade (and Serbia, ever) in July 2003 where for the couple months that it lasted, we had more than 30 people on weekly working actions.

How much is the upcoming gathering in Serbia entering public discussion and attention in local media? How much information has reached the normal citizens and how much understanding for this kind of event there is?

We will have to wait and see. Our hope is that we are going to be able to help to create the first local organ of the radical anti-authoritarian left in a long time, and that a mass of people will be mobilized against the capitalist government. Our role is recognized in our effort to build concrete links between activists from many different areas and traditions in Post-Yugoslavia. We hope to validate a form of collectivity, a social movement, free from ideological inhibitions of statist, organized labor, or the tired dogmas of the traditional left. We want to be a part of a new form of politics and the nature of that politics is still under discussion-trying new languages and ideas in a political space and set of practices beyond the traditional left. We try to address "the poor", not other activists; to try to understand the new reality of Yugoslav poor, the living enviroment of the poor, in all 'sites of struggle', from the community to the factory. The PGA conference will be a test of our efforts and also an opportunity to make the best use of them.

What sort of groups and communities from Eastern Europe are you expecting to join the gathering?

Virtualy everyone accepting PGA Hallmarks, and willing to go to the conference. Characteristic for East European libertarian movements is that it consists mainly of many very small groups, projects and protest commities which often are very focused on their local activity. This is actually very good, but because of that these groups are hard to reach in such a situation like this one.

Do you have any concept how to reach all of these communities? How do you convince them to take part in the gathering when for sure most of them have never heard about PGA? Do you believe in general that there is a sense for some little protest-groups from far away to travel to Belgrad? What usefulness can they bring to this gathering, and what effectiveness can such a gathering bring to them?

Yes, there are very important reasons why EE groups should come to Belgrade. Lets start with experience sharing. Problems connected with the so called "joining Europe" process, are existing in all EE countries. Capitalism (masked by terms of EU enlargement, privatization, liberalization, transition) is destroying EE societies. This is common to all of these countries. Also, problems connected with nationalism and extreme right movements are very common in EE countries. In your next question, you are mentioning struggle of Roma people. A couple of days ago one fascist group attacked a Roma community in Zemun, part of Belgrade. Issues that liberals are calling "side effects" of transition, are actually some of the most strong effects. Because they are happening in all EE societies we need to share our experience, and ideas, as to what to do about all of that. What kind of activism do we want? After 50 years of totalitarian state communism, and 10-15 years of aggressive capitalism, how can we reach people with ideas of something completely different? How do we do it when all of the media are giving you only one option: CAPITALISM (or 2 options in some countries like Serbia: capitalism vs. fascism)?

Also, direct actions. Let's mention an issue very connected with your magazine. Migration, and fighting against the border system. Problems like that are international, and working on it requires strong connections.

One of the largest communities in EE which is recently radicalizing its demends and means of struggle are the Roma people, especialy in Slovakia but not only there. Other ones are Polish workers. How do you see the posibility of these very different communities joining the Belgrad event? How do their struggles, their community stuctures and their philosophy of life fit to the PGA hallmarks?

The struggle of Roma people and struggles of Polish workers are con-

nected, as a general fight against a system built on discrimination. PGA Hallmarks (principles) are a very good starting point for building a movement that will combat against all forms of discrimination, for the dignity of all human beings. Working on different issues is not bad, completely the opposite, it is a great strength of this movement to consist of diverse groups and individuals, as long as we can agree on some basic questions that are covered by PGA Hallmarks.

How would you describe shortly the social situation in Eastern Europe these days and posibilities for radical changes coming from below? Can we speak at all about any social processes and about any developments among social movements which are common for the whole region?

We think that it is possible. But we have to be very careful: civil society, so called, in EE, beneath all rhetoric, is a mainstay of government policy. There is a dramatic cleft between 'civil society' and the representatives of the civil society. We have to be very careful here: NGO hypocrisy is all about an attempt to offer an unasimillable form in which it is difficult to define who is friend or foe. The same goes for nationalists who are also trying to infiltrate the movement in Eastern Europe. We have to reject both traps.

The radical left in Eastern Europe also suffers a presence of a few self-caricaturing dogmatic Trotskysts and Stalinists ever on the lookout for new recruits for the vanguard. There is lot of sectarianism in the air, even on the side of libertarian left. But there are movements, throughout the region, who are rooted in communities and with an ideology, if that is the right word, that springs from the ideas of neighborliness, dignity and life, movements who proffer winnable demands which they pursue with considerable imagination and vigor. It is our intention to contribute to Eastern European radical and libertarian movement which would develop a class politics but without getting bogged down in the damp of passionless dogmas of hitherto existing radical left or bying into class compromise in some way. Movement with a world-historical sense of itself but focusing on combat with local enemies. We feel that with the rise of a global anticapitalist movements, something precious and powerful is coming into being. We would like to see the PGA conference solidify the combativness and inventivness of Eastern European movements while also providing a new form of networking inside of the renewed and strengthened Peoples Global Action network. We believe that PGA, if it is renewed and enriched with stronger Eastern European presence, is the most practical tool for the movements in Eastern Europe to use.

What are your expectations regarding to the gathering? Is it about opening a new perspective or giving a new dynamic to the anti-authoritarian anti-capitalist resistance in the region?

Yes. Mostly, it is about opening new perspetives. Both inside the movement, and outside the movement, in public opinion.

What can be different in Belgrade compared to previous European PGA gatherings?

Previous PGA meetings occurred in Western Europe, a region with a lot of movements, a lot of experience, a lot of activists. It is a region with better life conditions than in Serbia or EE in general, and a region where some successes were achieved. In contrast, the next conference will be held in Serbia, a place of complete failure. Ten years of wars, 4 years of capitalist government, a current rise of the extreme right, a country which doesn't even have social democratic parties, not to mention the lack of an anticapitalist movement. We can't say that DSM is a strong network, and before now nothing like that existed. A movement of this kind is just starting in Serbia. In Serbia these days you have two options: the worst kind of capitalists, and the extreme right. There is no 3rd option in public opinion. Organizing the PGA conference here will be extremely important for reaching people.

What organizational problems are you facing right now? Are you expecting any special problems on the Serbian borders? What would be the most important advice for people from abroad?

Right now, we are facing problems concerned with negotiations with state institutions to get permission to use buildings and land for the conference. Hopefully, we will make it in next few days. There could be problems with people coming from EE, because of the visa system. DSM will take necessary measures to help EE people in acquiring visas. At the conference, there will be printed brochures given to all participants with practical (legal, and other) advice about what they shouldn't do, and what could go wrong.

Probably this short interview has described the general situation in Eastern Europe better than 15 issues of our magazine since December 2001 until now. Thank you very much. Our guests were:

Mirko Bazdarevic & Slavenka Begic, DSM! activists.

APPEAL REGARDING THOSE REPRESSED FOR DEFENDING THE FACTORY GATES IN OZAROW!

On February 21st, 2003 in Poland, the former workers of the Cable Factory in Ozarow Mazowiecki ended their 306 day protest. Up to that day, the workers had "squatted" in front of the factory gates in order to prevent the removal of machines and materials, which would in effect lead to the shutting down of the factory. The protest in Ozarow evoked a wave of solidarity action, with support coming from various labor unions, many political, social and workers' organizations, including the Workers' Initiative - Anarchist Federation.

Material help was organized and people began directly to support the workers on location at the factory gates. Informational activities were also undertaken in various organizations and labor unions. In effect, hundreds of activists showed up at the gates of the factory to help the workers when, on November 26, 2002, the blockade was brutally crushed by security guards from Impel and the police. The fights in front of the factory lasted for five days, after which Tele-Fonika (the owner of the factory) sat down to serious negotiations with the layed-off workers.

Dozens of people were arrested during the riots. In response, activists from the Anarchist Black Cross (Anarchistyczny Czarny Krzyz), an organization dedicated to the assisting of the repressed, along with representatives from the Ozarow Protest Committee, held a press conference during which the brutal and illegal action of the security guards and the police was described. *The Workers' Initiative of Anarchist Federation* and the *Anarchist Black Cross* published an appeal to western labor unions for financial help for the repressed. They managed to collect around 4000 PLN.

Only after one year had passed did it turn out that the police, despite public outcry and the government's promise to support the protesting workers, had pressed charges against those arrested in Ozarow. According to our information, the first "Ozarow" court hearings were held in the fall, 2003. Charges were pressed against at least 25 people, though a number of 70 is more probable. In the meantime, on November 27, 2003, the Pruszkow district attorney discontinued the cases regarding the excessive use of force by police officers and Impel security guards, which took place during November 26-30, 2002. The argument was that although the police and Impel had used excessive force - according to the District Attorney's documents: "a police officer kicked a young man lying on the ground", which was registered on video and shown on television, however the identity of the officers and security guards who broke the law could not be determined. The District Attorney also claims that the workers' protest was by all means legal. The most attention, however, is given to the criticism of the action of the protesters who attempted to defend themselves from the illegal action of the police and Impel employees. A statement from the legal documents: "The protesters violated public order numerous times by attacking trucks and police officers with dangerous objects." In response, Ozarow Protest Committee head Slawomir Gzik wrote the District Attorney: "You and your superiors deserve the severest punishment, and that punishment will be administered to you and all those who deserve it. The time to pay for humiliation and enslavement will come, and when it does, you will be one of the first to pay."

The Anarchist Black Cross and the Workers' Initiative - Anarchist Federation continue to support both organizationally and actively those charged for their actions in Ozarow. We are currently assisting in the cases of four people (including three involved in the Anarchist Federation). We plan to defend every person that, to our knowledge, is suffering repression for their participation in defending the factory gate in Ozarow. We have initiated wide-scale informational activities. Thanks to the help of the anarcho-syndicalist labor union FAU in Germany, we are in possession of a film documenting the Ozarow protest. We are distributing and holding viewings of this film, as well collecting funds for the defense of the accused, which help us to support the accused and provide legal help in the already begun lawsuit. Thank you for the money we have received. We still hereby appeal to everyone for help and spreading the information regarding this case.

22.05.2004. Workers' Initiative / Anarchist Federation, Poznan

"Towards workers democracy. Self-organization, cooperativity, participation in management of production"

2nd Poland-wide Workers Conference

In 2002 and 2003 wave of workers protests went through whole Poland. This was a reaction against situation in which many polish firms found themselves: edge of bankrupcy. Often direct conflicts been caused by delays with paying wages, lowering down wages, liquidation of firms, reduction of employment. In many cases workers came to the conclusion, that only through taking control over workplace they are able to reduce risk of loosing job or wage, to have chance save own future. Diverse forms of self-management started to be organized. In firms going towards bankrupcy there was neccessity to totally take over - at least temporaly - control over management. There where wasn't possible to save their workplaces cooperatives had beed set up. In this way idea of workers democracy and participation of crews in management been borned.

This idea takes diverse forms, but because of legal system most popular are workers cooperatives, as these set up in Cable Factory in Ozarow, Wagon SA in Lodz, etc. In other cases workers are trying to elect authentic representatives to management councils (H. Cegielski - Poznań S.A. or in Bison Bialystok). Somewhere else workers councils are trying to block commercialization of the firm (Salt Mines at Klodawa). All this movement is still small and needs support, because it destroys stereotypes which are always seeing workers protest only as demand for this or that, and union leaders are using cheap populism. Different forms of workers democracy are good answer to commercialization, privatisation and globalization of economy

Goals of Conference

1. Exchange of experiences between different crews concerning self-management, posibilities of creating cooperatives, etc.
2. Discussion on needs of workers, which co-participate in management: legal help,economical and marketing counseling, exchange of experience with workers abroad, etc.
3. Discussion on ways of promoting and widening of movement.

In that same day exhibition about Walbrzych (one of main mining cities, which in last years suffered massive unemployment due to closure of mines. Now many desperate ones dig the coal there illegally risking penalty and life) will be presented at "Rozbrat" squat. There also in the evening concert of Hasioki will take place-political rap-rock band from Silesia,which sings in local dialect anarchic social-critical texts.(www.hasiok.art.pl)

"2nd Poland-wide Workers Conference"
Poznań, 19 June 2004 10.00.-16.00.
adress: Klub Osiedlowy "Rondo", ul. Przybyszewskiego 56

Organisators:
Workers Initiative of Anarchist Federation,
KNSZZ Solidarnosc'80, Poland-wide protest Comitee OKP,
OPZZ Work Confederation.

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Reclaiming the tradition of celebrating MayDay and protesting against the fortress Europe

It was the first time the 1st. of May was celebrated here, in Lithuania, after the USSR splitted up. It is really hard to explain people that the history and meaning of MayDay has nothing to do with stalinist bureaucrats and soviet spectacle on communism. Most of them are afraid of any leftist activities, because after the long years of soviet propaganda and not so long years of lithuanian right wing propaganda they are able to view lefties only closely connected with soviet regime, KGB, "red russians", Lukoshenko and stuff like that.

That's why it is important to reclaim real meaning of MayDay up here. So we tried to do our best and we had ...

About 30 people involved in performance, critizicing EU in front of the very Seim, during ceremony of rising up flag of EU. A little, but quiet loud march down Gedimino prospect (in the very centre of the city) took place. About 1000 leaflets were distributed during march. D.i.y. picnic and football took place after the march in local park and a fire show in the evening at the Cathedral (in the very centre on the city). Another 500 leaflets were distributed during fireshow. The long day finished with after-party benefit gig in local pub-squat, called "Pergale" with local ska monsters Dr.Green involved and video of the mayday 2004 action screening during the concert.

This May Day was also the day of 10 more countries joining EU, so the city was overwhelmed with cops. We were affraid of some possible repressions, because we were not only celebrating MayDay, but also protesting against the fortress Europe, but as we had expected they were not about arresting us in the very centre of the city in front of the celebrations of joining EU. They asked us to unwear the masks, so we could be filmed by national security agents, dressed as citizens (the fascist law demanding to unwear masks during demonstrations proceeds here as well). After that they followed us during march and asked of organisers of the whole action. No organisers seemed to occur. Only mistical L.i.L.o. collective and that's it.

The atmosphere was nice and sunny. Of course, as usually we got old man trying to spit at us, but besides we more positive reactions, than negative ones. So we are very happy that we managed to reclaim the tradition of celebrating MayDay here, in lithuania and we didn't face any repressions yet. amigos adios!

L.i.L.o. collective

mayday critical mass Riga - Latvia

While burgeoisie and bureaucrats were drinking champagne...

While burgeoisie and bureaucrats were drinking champagne... around 40 people joined for CRITICAL MASS action to show solidarity to working people, alternatives to car-culture and just to have fun. It all ended up in 4 hours cruising around the city, anarcho picnic and 500 distibuted leaflets about meaning and history of May day.

It started at 14:00. Usual anarcho punks, activists and some new faces showed up on bikes and couple on rollerskates. Quick decision was made about direction and tactics, so it all does not end as previous MayDay (after 15 minutes with everyone arested). Music was turned on and action began with green-black flag in the air. It seemed that cops havent noticed us... probably because so much things where hapening about EU enlargement in the city, that they thought we were just part of it all. Atmosphere was really good. We got some positive feedback from passers-by and even car drivers were not very angry. Lots of leaflets were distributed. After a few hours of cycling we made small picnic and then some more cycling and leafleting. It seemed everyone was happy how peacefuly everything went. Hopefully next time we will be even more.

Anarchist Mayday in Czechia

In Prague: police far outnumbered anarchists

The main anarchist Mayday action took place in Prague. The whole event started on Strelecky island, traditional meeting place. Not more than 150 mostly young people attended; this small number was partly caused by really strong police harassment beforehand in media as well as unusually strong police presence at the day. For sure the number of police was the biggest since the NATO meeting in Prague, with water canon, military-style armed vehicle and dozens of armed cars on a spot. After two speeches, the march with lot of banners and with huge police assistance (police far outnumbered anarchists) went through the city center to Stromovka park, where libertarian football cup took place. In the evening, punk gig with anarchist bands took place nearby. Fascist had their own march; according to report form antifascist, their numbers were bigger then ours. At least fascist had troubles with AFA people in streets...

The Federation of Social Anarchists had their own action in a small town of Jihlava with street demo, sport's afternoon and gig in evening.

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Mayday and "EU-celebrations" report from Slovenia

You voted for Europe, now you have it!

After eviction of last anarchist squat (AC Galicija) in Ljubljana, the Slovenian anarchist movement became much weaker. The initiative for 1 May action in Ljubljana started in November from SAF (Social Anarchist Federation). There was a plan to make a big demo on mayday in capital and many people from other countries were invited. But as in April only few people were involved in preparation of actions, decission was made not to make demonstration with 30 people in the middle of city full of pro-EU concerts and celebrations.

Slovenian government officialy spent more than 1 million euro for celebrations through all big cities with a slogan: "Slovenia, new star of Europe".

April 30 to May 1 was second new year. But not for us!

We decieded to join the actions in Nova Gorica (city on the border of Italy). Prodi and Berlusconi should come that day to cheer the new slave of EU fortress, but Berlusconi didn't come, because he "got ill".

Protest was starting at about 5pm, going through the city and visiting the pro-EU celebration. It ended up at the slovenian-italian border, which is still closed and controlled. We made our A-bloc under the slogans: "European democracy: work to workers - money to bosses", "Under mask of democeary - dictature of capital" etc. Many older people came to us and join our march. Demo was very succesfull and we think is good to move actions to different cities, not only to Ljubljana.

Protest in Nova Gorica was organized by local student organizations and included various groups, one of them was group called Izbrisani (Erased): In 1991 Slovenia became independed and Yugoslavia crumbled (after that war started in ex-Yugoslavia states). There were lots of people living in Slovenia who didn't have slovenian citizenship (they didn't need it in time of Yugoslavia). Some of them asked for it, some didn't. 17.000 people were left without citizenship - many of them due to complicated birocracy, minority of them by their own guilt. Those 17.000 people were erased from the list of inhabitants of Slovenia. They have no documents, which means they cannot croos the border and have no rights (school, work, medical and social help etc.). Many of them have no citizenship at all (not either from the country where they were born). After 13 years of living in those conditions, they decieded to unite and make pressure on government to give them back normal life. With help of local activists, they formed a group Izbrisani and gave their demands. After many protests, government gave out referendum, which could give some rights, but only to 4.000 people. Many political parties and individuals boycotted referendum, also becuase it had no affect on the decision of court and was just waste of money. The results were against the proposal of government. This process will take long time and probably won't give much rights back, because slovenian government is very conservative and xenophobic.

There was as well the plan to make the Mayday actions in Kranj, but only few people appeared. We sticked anti-EU posters through the city and hanged up two banners.

Most of slovenian citizens are very proud to be citizens of Europe, wearing EU t-shirts and hanging out EU and slovenian flags. After this "happy moment" the prices went up and 50.000 people lost their job. The borders are still there, the food is maybe cheaper, but other things are more expensive (road taxes, public transport, petrol, post costs etc.) the salaries of bosses are bigger and workers' are smaller. After many factories closed up, many workers went on strike and the answer from the government was: "You voted for Europe, now you have it!". Let me mention that 91% people vote for EU.

Specific mayday actions in Lugansk Ukraine

Harmonic society of free individuals

New anarchist group in Lugansk, "Common Action" organised a non-formal meeting in "Treshke", a traditional hang-around of local underground during 90's. Everyone, reaching for freedom with anti-authoritarian ideas (autonomes, anarchists, commundards and their supporters) were invited to happening, altogether some 40 people participated. An attempt to realise libertarian communism was taken with means of a "redistributor", everyone could bring stuff they did not needed anymore to a box with a text "take and give anything what you want - from everyone according to their abilities, to everyone according their needs". Leaflet about history of mayday (from Avtonom #12), manifest of Autonomous Action, and small orange flags with anarchist symbols were distributed. Periodicals Avtonom, Volya, Noviy Svet, Tretiy put and Pereday dalshe were distributed, as well as brochure "Short history of anarchism". Highlight of the day was mounted raid of three anarchist with orange flags to Komsomol square. Action was ended with a march to alley accompanied by flute and shouts Ura!

"Harmonic society of free individuals" organised a banquet under statues of young guard, drinking Georgian chachu and eating bread of Partisan Krapivin. Main dish was very tasty meal from field kitchen of "Harchevni", which was given free without any political propaganda.

Mayday in Sofia Bulgaria

Anarchists of Sofia celebrated 1st May with demonstration through central streets of the city, finished in front of Parlament building. 90 persons from Sofia and other cities participated, along traditional ones also slogans against NATO had been shouted.

Mayday in Prague

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Mayday 2004 in Turkey

"Well-known mainstream newspaper Hurriyet reported that a group of people calling themselves "anarchists" have also joined Mayday march"

None can isolate anarchists !

Shouting their own slogans, carrying their own banners & flags and also distributing their own leaflets, anarchists all around Turkey marched in separate corteges in 2004 Mayday demonstrations. As far as we know, anarchists joined demos in 5 different cities as separate groups: Istanbul, Ankara, Izmir, Antalya and Malatya. In general Mayday demonstrations were "silent" but as usual there were some clashes, some arrests, police brutality etc. In Diyarbakir the march was banned, that's why cops found a pretext to attack demonstrators and arrested few hundreds of protestors. In Istanbul 56 left-wing protestors got arrested while they were trying to enter the "banned" Taksim Square, a day later all were released. In Izmir there were some clashes but no arrest, in Ankara a few people got arrested though all were released soon. Workers' participation was not so effective; students and younger people seemed more eager and crowded.

In **Istanbul**, anarchists and anti-authoritarians walked within Libertarian Coordination Against NATO. Some of the banners that were carried were (mentioning NATO Summit) "We will not welcome", "Capitalism kills", (Liberter group's) "A world without bosses" etc. Different leaflets and 9th issue of Black Paper were distributed. Participators were differing from libertarian socialists, anarchists, anti-authoritarians to anti-civilizationists. Istanbul Anti-Militarist Initiative has prepared a "bus" which had a numberplate of 34 RET 1886 (34 = city code of Istanbul, RET=REJECT, 1886 = Haymarket) and distributed introduction leaflets of "Militourism Festival" that will be held two weeks later. Starting from 50-60, the number of participators passed 100 during the march. There were two different gatherings in Istanbul; one was organized by TURKIS (mainstream trade-union) in Sisli Abide-i Hurriyet Square and starting from Sarachane moving towards Yenikapi the other one was organized by DISK and KESK (left-wing trade-unions). Anarchists preferred to be nearby DISK & KESK gathering like most of the leftist groups, students and NGOs did. The problem was that it was not organized at all, there was no place to "gather" and people just walked. For this reason a while after reaching Yenikapi, anarchists and anti-authoritarians "symbolically" burned their own flags, then left away.

Ankara Mayday march started from the main train station and moved through the gathering field of Sihhiye Square. Political parties, trade-unions, student groups, NGOs, leftist "periodical circles" and we were among the participators. Reaching over 50 people, our group (Ankara Anarchy Initiative) carried black flags and also two big banners; one of them was circled A and the other "Let the state not be". During the march we have distributed the leaflet of Libertarian Coordination Against NATO and more than 1500 copies of our own leaflet titled "army is the organization of our FEARs". After entering the square, with the slogans of "Burn the Flags, Smash the States" we have "symbolically" burned our own flags. Later we have left the square and with participation of friends with whom we have recently met during the march, an own inner-meeting in which we have discussed some issues that were in the agenda - particularly anti-NATO process - was organized. Apart from us 10-15 people carrying black-red flags were also present but they have walked separately. As usual the meeting was legal.

Despite this, as we even have never introduced ourselves as "periodical circle" like the most illegal leftist groups did, we had no place in"orderly" rows. Firstly a "bureaucrat" of arrangement committee wanted us to obey the order of the march. Afterwards we have quarreled with some "periodical circle"s. So, for a while we have preferred to walk from the "empty road on the more left of the leftist groups". At last, arrangement committee bureaucrat's attempt - who was "more cop than cops (more statist than the state)" - was prevented and we have found a place. One of the main reasons' of this isolation policy against us was probably gay & lesbians' presence who were walking behind our cortege with their own organization (anti-capitalist, anti-hierarchical KAOS GL group). It seemed that gay & lesbians were facing more isolation in life than we have faced and an important part of our leftists had the same opinion with Bush the 2nd: hostility against gay & lesbians ... homophobia! With the words a comrade of ours' especially wanted us to emphasize: None of the arrangement committees can represent anarchists! None can isolate anarchists!

Compared to the recent years' meetings, relatively there were more people in **Antalya** Mayday. People marched from Calli Junction to the Closed space. Entering the space anarchists have shouted as REBEEELL! and ran forward. About 30-35 anarchists have participated the demo (some left, some joined etc.). The black banner with A sign was "Let the state not be" and the red one with A sign "Imagination destroying the government". We have carried 3 red flags having A signs.

As it's usual for the last 3 years, anarchists in **Malatya** (a city in mid-east Anatolia) marched with their black-red flags and actually put their own mark on Mayday demo. Although there were just 12, leftists started threatening them days before the action. 3 years ago they have also threatened but for now probably related with weakening of the left and anarchism's rooting in Malatya they have got worried. The march started at 11:30 and anarchists started to walk behind trade-unions with their flags shouting their own slogans. Some unionists warned and asked them to walk at the very back of the demonstrators, but anarchists have opposed and some union members also supported them. Anarchist slogans were effective, even the cops tried to ask questions but they got no answer. Later Labor Party (nationalist-socialist Isci Partisi which has started a campaign against anarchists) appeared and anarchists started to boooo. Trying to chat with anarchists, many people started to ask questions like who you are what you think etc. They did some anarchist propaganda and even they made some fun with ignorant people. Cops were trying to take video shots; other groups were trying to keep themselves away from the group. For a while anarchists have even thought that how powerful they are. Right before the meeting was about the finish, anarchists have left the square.

In **Izmir**, anarchists walked under the name of Black Block-Izmir. The group was about 40 people. Entering the square there were some clashes between Kurdish groups and cops. Anarchists were also nearby but none got arrested, cops were forced to leave away and protestors managed to pass through the police barricade. Well-known mainstream newspaper Hurriyet reported that a group of people calling themselves "anarchists" have also joined Mayday march in Izmir.

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From *"Stalin died, Putin lives"* through *"Capitalism may not be reformed!"* and *"Long live revolutionary self-governance"* untill *"Siberia is JaMAYca"*

Anarchist Mayday in Russia

Almost all cities reported this far scored record-big anarchist actions. Many cities did not recorded numbers, those who reported sum up to at least 500 anarchists demonstrating around Russia. Action in Minsk, Belarus was only reported in Belarussian language, so you must check Indymedia to get the idea how was it like up there.

Ivanovo

14 members, supporters and friends of Autonomous Action joined general Mayday march with 2 red and black diagonal flags. During march, anarchists scanned "Against power and capital", "State is the main terrorist" and other slogans. One crazy guy did not liked anti-war message, and threated to attack anarchists, but he thought again and backed up. During meeting after march, anarchists were harassed by copper who demanded documents and put the flags down. Eventually anarchists were outnumbered 2-3 times by coppers, and they got surrounded. Anarchists sat to ground and took a hold from each other, but eventually cops managed to untie know and push all anarchists to a bus. Due to support of friends outside, anarchists were released without charges.

Kaliningrad

This year coppers were a bit more nasty than usual, 10 activists of **Kaliningrad Union of Anarchists** (section of both Autonomous Action and ADA-IFA) were arrested and all their papers confiscated. However, anarchists managed to make a new banner and have their action. Local leader of NBP was beaten up by coppers. Anarchists failed to raise public awareness about police brutality through mainstream media.

Kazan

"Communists" gathered less than 300 peoples in rainy and cool weather. 6 anarchists were present. Some local nazis were noticed, after a short educational debate they hit the road. Anarchists went on to organise their own picket. There were no any conflicts with coppers or other unpleasant forces, with exception of few crazy elderly ladies coming up asking how much anarchists were paid. When they were offered a chance to join anarchists, and asked to choose whether they want to be paid with dollars or shekels, they backed up.

Moscow

Moscow anarchists used tactics proved to be useful during last half years - in announced meeting place, anarchists splitted into groups of 5-15 persons, which went on their own to starting place of the March, known to very few beforehand, where instead of a lengthy convergence March was launched exactly 2 PM, 1 hour after original gathering. We gathered at Nikolskaya street, our plan was just a sketch, and a many people felt wary since centre was totally full packed with cops, liberal meeting in Lubyanka square just 100 meters away was surrounded with a legion of cops and OMON. But we decided to go on anyway, since Red Square was completely closed we turned to Bogoyavlenskiy and Hrustalniy side-streets, then to Vasilevskiy spusk, passing by Red Square and cathedral of Basil the Blessed we headed towards Kreml entrance. Some cops ran to Red square blockade and we made a sharp 135 degree turn - since cops were outnumbered, they may have acted very roughly. Just two years ago peaceful ecologists where brutally beaten up after illegal civil disobedience action in this very same entrance.

We had banners against housing reform, "No to war - peace to Chechnya", "Rights are not given, rights are taken", "War is an electionary spin technology", "Stalin died, Putin lives". We scanned "Our enemy is not in Chechnya but in Kreml!", "Fascism won't trespass!", "Hey comrade, we have a patriarchy, just like 300 years ago - no any liberty!", "Down with the FSB!", "Raise the black flag higher, state is our main enemy!", "I do not want to go to do my duty, I want to live very much!", "Freedom, equality, anarcho-communism!", "We won't pay housing bills with our crap wages!" and other classics. Fact that loudspeaker went to strike was not a disaster, centre was almost completely closed for cars so our message was well heard. Small 10x15 cm black @-flags distributed to participators were a hit.

People from **Rainbow Keepers**, recently launched **Food not Bombs of Moscow** and **Autonomous Action** participated - however most were probably "non-aligned". Even a number of non-anarchists joined, aware that our action will be the coolest. Numbers were again a small disappointment, only 60 people - not counting some 20 disappearing during the tactical feint operation before action, these folks obviously confused anarchism with disorganisation and undiscipline. This was another 10 year record, but still one could hope to gain more than 5 new people in each action, which is the current trend.

Not taking into account small numbers, march was another success for Moscow anarchists. I am not the only person getting very suspicious wondering why we are not repressed. Action of mostly elderly "communists" 9 AM was surrounded with metal defectors through which every one of thousands of participators had to go, "security" was guaranteed not only by coppers and OMON but volunteer guard and conscripts in another huge show-off of state power. Even liberal well-off middle-class "rebels", who gathered some 1400 supporters of Yabloko and SPS parties, had to go through the same metal detector ritual - when anarchists, who do not even bother to try to legalise their action hit streets which others may only dream about, without any harassment whatsoever.

It may be that huge police operation of Mayday is so clumsy, that they just had not enough time to react. It may be that they just wait us to do something really "radical", and then they will hit us with a total force. It may even be that they leave anarchists untouched while treating other young radicals such as Stalinist "Avant-garde of Communist Youth" AKM or nazbols with iron hand, just to create an image among Stalinist youth that we are favourite kids of Kremlin. In 23rd of February they definitely tried to have us, a busload of coppers missed our scattering point with 5 minutes only, but two recent successes are just surprising. If Moscow coppers let us to do anything, what can we do next time to amaze everybody when our numbers are still so small? If passing by Red square is nothing anymore, what could be?

Murmansk

Anarchists of Murmansk participated to general demonstration, some 50 people marched in anarchist bloc. In convergence place anarchists raised black, and red and black diagonal flags, distributed leaflets and anarchist press, which all were greeted with a popular demand. In contrary to usual boring marches, anarchists were playing reggae, ska, punk and popular children's songs.

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One person masked as Putin carried banner for "world without politicians and bourgeoisie".

Anarchist bloc pushed into middle of the queue, in order not to be near nazbols (National Bolshevik Party), who were asked to sod off after they had proposed cooperation. Anarchist bloc scanned "All power to the people!", "Fascism won't trespass" and Mayakovski's classic "Eat ananas, bolt down a hazel grouse, your end is near, bourgeoisie!". When boring official meeting began, anarchists hit the road to have their own celebrations in another place.

Nizhni Novgorod

Anarchists from local group of Autonomous Action joined general Mayday demonstration. Anarcho-communists were the most youthful and radical group this year, so they attracted attention of passers by and elderly "communists". Tabloid "Situatsiya" was sold, and anarchists scanned Power gives birth to parasites!, "Self-governance! Self-organisation! Socialism!, Capitalism may not be reformed!, No to Putin, no to regime! and so on. **One member of KPRF died and several were injured when a bus full of OMON drove to march. Event was first ignored by but later on covered by local media, however it would be surprising if someone got punished.**

Novosibirsk

Wild rumours about artistic association "SAT" bounced back and forth in the city well before action, which caused coppers to go overdrive. Mainstream media wrote "Novosibirsk antiglobalits are planning to demonstrate with anti-social and deeply beside the point banners". When very first participants of the Monstration showed up 9.30, they got immediately surrounded by a bunch of gopniks in uniform, demanding to give up banners, since they were "anti-social", even when these were not even unrolled yet. Cops had one banner unrolled, revealing a shocking demand "Tanya do not cry". "That's it, an anti-social slogan, give it up!". However coppers did not really managed to explain what exactly was anti-social aspect of the message, and eventually folks managed to negotiate their way to back of the queue. Some other more aggressive coppers appeared, demanding to meet with leader (sounds familiar?), to give up banners, to show permission, to go home and whatever, but soon they withdrew after some journos took close-ups.

Eventually some 100 people joined Monstration, third time around coppers managed to steal some banners. Those which remained stated "Something like that", "Where am I?", "Siberia is JaMAYca", "I am broke", "Make love, not work", there was also a banner without text, all red with white columns. Placates included "Forward", "Closed", "I am against", "I am for" and "del *.*". A portrait of Salvador Dali was proudly carried. March went to Lenin square, coppers came with force and surrounded participators of Monstration. No-one was planning to stay in the boring meeting, but cops annoyed people - in case all the rest are allowed to stay, why we shouldn't? Participators told coppers that they will not go anywhere. Cops got violent, and eventually people left the square. Journos were threaten by cops. Soon people learned, that a couple of people were arrested during the march. People headed to police station, support group stood by entrance, which which annoyed cops. Soon first of the arrested was let free, he told that no-one was beaten and cops were calm. They just asked what does banners "Monstration" and "Y-Y-Y-t`" mean. When they were told that these banners mean nothing, coppers got surprised - "But they are anti-globalist banners - how come they mean nothing!". Everyone was let go after 3 hours, after subscribing a statement "Our banners did not demanded overthrowing of constitutional order of Russia".

Omsk

Omsk section of Siberian Confederation of Labour (SKT) formed a bloc in the official trade-union march. Among 8 flags of the queue, 5 were red and black diagonal flags of SKT. This march met another queue in Lenin hills, where rivers Irtysh and Omsk meet, and meeting began. A special issue of "SKT-contact" was distributed, explaining anarchist origins of Mayday, and announcing Siberian Social Forum which will take place next June. Tabloid of Autonomous Action "Situatsiya" was distributed as well. Altogether some 500 persons participated to general meeting. In discussion with other workers, syndicalists learned that official trade unions paid 200 roubles to all participators from their ranks. After meeting syndicalists marched back to Drama Theatre with flags, this time without permission. Only when syndicalists met colon of Communist Party of Russian Federation, police got interested what were syndicalists up to.

After demonstration, film about occupation of Argentinian factory "Zanon" was shown in premises of SKT. Film was made by German comrades and had Russian subtitres. Film showed a possible model of production without bosses. Besides film screening, there was a discussion on self-governance of production and self-governance in our life in general.

Rostov-na-Donu

Anarchists from Rostov and surrounding cities participated to "communist" demonstration. They were immediately surrounded by police and FSB, who demanded putting down red and black diagonal flags. Anarchists learned that this was demand of KPRF leaders, and it was impossible to reach any agreement with them. Finally anarchists were allowed to stand by. All literature, such as local paper Protest which anarchists had with them was sold.

Perm

In Mayday morning everything was as usual in front of Circus in Motovilihinski area. Radical bloc, co-organised by Anarcho-Ecological Resistance gathered 100 persons, twice more than last year. This was too much for status quo, and trade union bossed ordered them to end of the queue. Banners "Reclaim the city!", "Sack Kamenev" (city mayor) and others were raised. Anarcho-Ecologists distributed a leaflet about anarchist origins of Mayday. During march, two rows of coppers separated radicals from trade-unionists in order to protect workers from "bad influence". Participators scanned "Be a realist - demand impossible!", "forbid prohibition!", "Get to the streets, reclaim the city!". Cops did not let radicals to pass by mayor's office, but he got a well-deserved share from slogans. Coppers stopped demonstrators in Pushkin street, not letting them to go to Komsomol street in order to join official event. Since there were no any people around to witness possible mass arrest and police brutality, participators decided to roll banners and get to main event by side streets and yards. Cops were however pushing for a hard line, stopping people in a yard, 10 OMON showed up and some spanking to come seemed pretty likely. Cops however backed up after a short stand-off, and let participators to join general meeting. Demonstration re-organised when approaching the main event, and anarchists began shouting their slogans even more loudly. Most of the people reacted positively. Among people, activists scanned most "popular" slogans - "Do not sell out Perm dormatories!", "No to privatisation of Permvodokanal!", and when passing by city

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duma, "Burn those rockets in your own cabinets" - referring to a campaign against missile utilisation project against which a radical ecological protest camp will be organised next summer. When passing by oil giant Lukoil, anarchists shouted "No to ecocide!", "Bash Lukoil - save Russia!". Common meeting of KPRF and pro-government FNPR trade union was pretty lame,300 participators much less than last year. Their speeches were not paid much of attention by radicals. 400 leaflets were distributed, and action was noticed by thousands of people.

Sankt-Petersburg

This year SPB anarchists showed the way to rest of Russia - crowd of 120-150 was biggest anarchist action in the city since Perestroika times. Participators of anarchist bloc in general left demonstration were from **Sankt-Petersburg League of Anarchists, Punk-Revival**, infoshop **Epicenter**, radical artists, many supporters and punks, also from other cities. Part of a big turnout was for sure to be credited to comrade who had access to typography where plenty of advertisements about action could be printed. Anarchists raised black and red and black diagonal flags, accompanied by sirens, tambourine, whistle-blowers and loudspeaker as they marched by Nevskiy Prospekt towards Palace square as most lively bloc in the general oppositional manifestation. Anarchists had several banners, such as "Get to streets, reclaim the city", "It is banned to ban", "Dump nationalism", "Long live revolutionary self-governance", "Antifa", "All states are concentration camps" and "We do not need a piece of your pie, we want the whole bakery" (for defence of squat Pekarnia, now renamed as Klizma) and others, scanned slogans included "Death to fascism, antifa unite!", "Antifa front!", "Death to state, free labour!","Factories to workers!", "We trash all the power!", "Fascism won't trespass!", "Main enemy is in our own country, main enemy is in Kremlin!", "Free political prisoners!", "Our motherland is humanity!", "Freedom to peoples, death to empires!","War against war!", "Rubber bullets and tear gas, present of state to working-masses!" and "Anarchy is mother of order!". Cops also got their well-deserved share of shouts, but this time they preferred not to give anything back. In meeting at palace square anarchists got plenty of attention from rest of the participators and mainstream media and distributed 1500 leaflets, paper trades were soaring so that anarchists could purchase their own Baltic fleet, or at least enough beer to celebrate a work well done.

Tomsk

Mayday in Tomsk was pretty cold, minus 5 degrees of Celsius. General demonstration was sizeable, according to some estimates 10 000 people. **Confederation of Free Trade Unions** of Tomsk Oblast and Tomsk organisation of **Confederation of Anarcho-Syndicalists (KAS)** were last bloc in the queue. However anarchist and syndicalist bloc was the most lively, with much young people with red and black masks, drums, and flags. This all was something completely new for Tomsk. General meeting was very boring, since microphone was controlled by pro-government FNPR trade union and communists. Anarchists and syndicalists were distributing leaflets about history of Mayday, anarchist press such as Volya (of Moscow), Noviy Svet (of Sankt-Petersburg Anarchist League), Sled (local) and Situatsiya (of Nizhni Novgorod group of Autonomous Action), leaflet "Democracy is not anarchy", and a placate to commemorate Kolya Muravin, beloved anarchist who died prematurely in mid-nineties. After meeting anarchists and syndicalists gathered to discuss a campaign against project to build a plant producing nuclear MOKS fuel in the city of Seversk of Tomsk oblast.

Yaroslavl

Mayday action in Yaroslavl also surpassed all expectations of organisers. It was cold and a freezing rain, but some 50 people came to Sovetsky square anyway - youth, young workers, teachers, pupils and punk. Anarchist march was launched 12.20, when communist were diverging another part of the town, giving place to action of yellow trade unions. Anarchists were present there as well, since most of people were just normal workers carried there with carrot and stick from all corners of Yaroslavl Oblast.

Some 30 of the participators of the radical demo were anarchists, among rest there were people from other left-wing groups and independent trade union "Defence of labour". Bloc had black and red and black diagonal flags, banners "Class hate" and "Rights are not given - rights are taken". March went through Sovetski side-streets to river bank, scanning "Revolution!", "Peace to people - war to power!", "Freedom!", "Anarchy, communism!". "No saviour to the country but class war!". Ending point of the march was beginning of the Mayday boulevard, scene of the first ruckus in Yaroslavl history back in 1905. Meeting was grouped around statue of N.A. Nekrasov, among orators in the meeting there were Nopasaran of Yaroslavl anarchists, Ivanov of ADA-IFA, Kelt of Autonomous Action - worker from Severohod factory A. Perlovich made an anti-militarist speech. During breaks among orators, participators scanned "Revolution!", "Everything to people - nothing to power!", in the end International was sung although many still do not knew the words. Sweet ending for Yaroslavl Mayday action was kicking 3 bonehead asses in Mayday boulevard.

Irkutsk

Irkutsk anarchists did not wrote what they did in Mayday. However 2nd of May local group of Autonomous Action was having a meeting in a private flat, when police ringed bell and demanded to open the door. Police had not a search permission, so anarchist refused to open door. Police decided to come through by force. Activists of Autonomous Action tried to call some press, but telephone line had already been cut by police. Police shot tear gas to flat, activists barricaded door, raised black flag to balcony and threw hand-written leaflets to the street. Stand-off lasted about one hour, after which Police managed to break through and to rush in. Everyone was thrown to floor and beaten up. Police searched flat, leaflets and journals were confiscated. Arrested were taken to closest police station, where they were held until next morning.

Nahdoka

Due to time difference, far East anarchists were first to demonstrate this year in Russia. A warm day and nice mood, some 15 anarchists and their supporter joined general mayday meeting in the central square. Red and black diagonal flags were unrolled, soon leaflets were confiscated by coppers and 3 persons were arrested. These were picked by criteria of activity and non-Russian outlook, one arrested was Caucasian and other Korean. Arrested were held 2 hours, and subscribed protocols stating "during arrest my leaflets were confiscated, which I did not printed, did not distributed and I had for my personal use only, I do not remember who gave them to me, since I was totally drunk".

Meanwhile police threated rest that arrested will ill-treated if they join the general meeting. So they turned around and had their own march by the central street of the city, finished with a picnic.

Ufa

Anarchists from Ufa Federation of Anarchists and Ufa group of Autonomous Action participated to annual mayday festivities. Anarchists raised black and red and black diagonal flags, distributed leaflets and papers Situatsiya and Radikalniy lentyai (of Autonomous Action) and Chernaya Zvezda (of KRAS-AIT). Anarchists gained attention of both other participants from KPRF, RKRP and Yabloko and police. When march began, anarchists decided to push to the front, which other "opposition" did not liked. They asked police to order anarchists to their usual place of honour in the backseat of the train. 99 years before, 1st of May of 1905 first illegal Mayday celebration ("Mayevka") of Ufa workers with booze and dance was organised in a very beautiful spot at bank of river Beloi. Anarchists decided to honour this tradition, and celebrated in the very same place under black flag. "We were few, but every fire begins from a spark".

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As anarchists, anti-authoritarians and variants living in Turkey
we wish to see you in Istanbul this June

NATO-summit in Istanbul

Hello, Let us use this brief opportunity to tell you about the advantages of holding a NATO conference in Istanbul. Turkey, a country where military repression is ironically synonymous with liberty and independence. Turkey, the shining jewel on the crown of NATO. Have you considered spending this summer in this massively repressive military dominated paradise? 15 months of compulsory military service without the right to conscientious objection will guarantee a wholly satisfying summer holiday for you and your family. Like all NATO members the Republic of Turkey gives enormous importance to human rights and multicultural exchange. So far Turkish governments have done their bests to promote human rights inside and outside its borders. Domestic examples of such policies are of course too many to count. The interventions in Iraq, Afghanistan and Kosovo are the real pride of the Turkish army. Turkish generals have successfully carried the torch of human rights throughout the world by eliminating the humans in question. Our army is taking good care of us, we are very happy. Please visit us this summer.

Joking apart, during 28-29 of this June, NATO summit will be held in Istanbul. "Bush the 2nd" will probably land here just a few days before the summit. Months ago, anarchists and anti-authoritarian people agreed on organizing their own and came together under the name of "Libertarian Coordination Against NATO". The group is mainly located in Istanbul but also supported by local groups and individuals around Turkey (including our group "Ankara Anarchy Initiative"). Weekly meetings are going on in Istanbul. Until now, the coordination group has prepared and distributed a declaration

http://www.ainfos.ca/04/feb/ainfos00136.html

also a brochure, some posters and stickers

http://www.geocities.com/antiotoriter2004/galeri.html

organized a demo in Istanbul-Taksim Mis Sokak on 4th of April NATO day held a panel discussion titled "NATO, Capitalism and Contrary Movement" in Bogazici University on 21st of April and designed a web page

http://www.geocities.com/antiotoriter2004/index.html

The declaration text is already translated into many languages

http://www.geocities.com/antiotoriter2004/dokuman.html

If the text is yet not translated into your own language please help us in translation.

As anarchists, anti-authoritarians and variants
living in Turkey we wish to see you in Istanbul this June.
If you are planning to come please contact with

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As concerned about NATO-summit in Istanbul and anarchist counter-activities, we asked comrade Batur Ozdinc from *Ankara Anarsi Initiative* few questions, which could help to understand the situation and also taking decision to join the protests. Especially for the people, which know little about turkish realities it can be helpful ...

Where and when exactly NATO summit will take place and what exactly is planned by Libertarian Anti-NATO Coordination ?

Exact date of NATO summit is 28-29 of June so things will probably be during those days. I am not sure but maybe there can be some events can be organized during the weekend of June 26-27.

Which exactly groups are involved in coordination, when it started and what is discussed on meetings?

About the groups in the Coordination group: they differ from anarchists to libertarian socialists (not leftist - all antiauthoritarians!) and primitivists, antimilitarists, antiauthoritarians. Some of these people publish their own periodicals like "Liberter", "Otonom X", "Black Paper (Kara Gazete)", "Inat (Persistence)", some groups deal with conscientious objection (Istanbul Anti-Militarist Initiative), there are also antiauthoritarian-libertarian gay&lesbians. Anarchist groups from other cities like our Ankara Anarchy Initiative - which is a synthesis anarchist group and anarchists from Izmir, Antalya, Malatya, Bursa etc. are in communication with the Coordination.

For e.g. Coordination's anti-NATO leaflet and stickers were printed in Ankara and sent back to Istanbul. We plan to go there together - don't know how many but probably 20-30 anarchists from Ankara. I should mention it again that; there is NO authoritarian leftist in the "Libertarian Coordination Against

NATO", no trotkist, no stalinist or whatever. Trotkists are organizing their own with some other leftists. The other leftists do the same, under different coordination groups/platforms or separately as TKP do.

Libertarian Coordination started on December '03, the initial declaration came on 11th of January '04. Few comrades from Ankara attended some of its meetings. It started with the establishment of thegroup (name etc.) and discussion on what to do. They have organized a demo on 4th of April "NATO day", issued posters, stickers, planning accomodation and different events. Comrades from Istanbul say "no problem of place to stay/sleep both for anarchists coming from other cities of Turkey and also for those coming from abroad". If the comrades' houses won't be enough, a site may be arranged to stay with tents or so but in anycase things will be organized.

Comrades in Istanbul are quite busy: on 15th of May Militourism Festival has been organized and everyone dealt with that - it was quite successful. About 120 people travelled around military connected buildings and institutions. On 23rd of May a punk festival were to be organized to make some propaganda and (if possible) to earn some money for anti NATO activities. But unfortunately Istanbul police did not let it related with the risk of things' turning into an uncontrolled illegal demo. Comrades dealing with punk festival organization were also thinking to organize a similiar event during the NATO Summit. But it seems from the initial example authorities won't let. To tell the truth; nothing is yet certain about where will the meetings/demos, seminars/panels be. All those will be organized and (i hope) declared a few weeks before the events. As Ankara anarchists (Ankara Anarchy Initiative) we have decided to organize the food (meals) during the protests. We don't know whether there will be a place to stay/gather together in there but in anycase a group of our comrades decided to help the meal (a few free meals for few hundred people in a day, probably during 28-29 of June). On 16th of May (after Militourism Festival activity) activist people - those who dont reject the possibility of

attacking cops etc. - organized an inner meeting. They have declared a list precautions which will be useful during the protests like how to be protected from teas gas etc.

For the people which know little about turkish anarchist movement: could you say a bit its realities?

As you may know in here anarchist and anti-authoritarian movement is weak, though it is growing. For e.g. in Mayday less than 150 people marched with anarchists/antiauthoritarians in Istanbul; in Ankara about 50, in Izmir 40, in Antalya 30, in Malatya just 12 people. So you can guess in June overall it'll be about 200 people, or let's say AT MOST about 250-300 anarchists/antiauthoritarians from Turkey. Until now we didn't have so serious problems with cops & state in here. Maybe you have heard about Usak anarchists who were arrested just because of making some graffities and distributing leaflets. They have stayed in jail for about 3 months and later all were acquited. On the other hand Turkish anarchist movement is quite different than that of Greeks, Italians "generally" nonviolent and mostly it's based on anti-militarist / pacifist idea. However this doesn't mean that turkish cops will be silent against anarchists. Though things seem to be changing with EU process Turkish police is famous with its brutality and torture. The government is in alert and months before the NATO summit lots of people got arrested. Most of the arrests are members of left-wing/stalinist "illegal" revolutionary group DHPK-C. Also recently it was reported that a group of Islamist terrorists (Al- Qaide connection?) who were planning to attack NATO Summit with bombs were arrested in Bursa. This means during the summit Turkish police may even be more brutal than its average brutality. But maybe they won't deal so much with "western tourists" (western protestors) not to cause problem in the mainstream media and take response from western governments; maybe the reverse. Nothing is certain for now, because in Turkey yet there was no experience of a "global action" (with participation of foreign protestors).

Trade-unions and different left-wing groups/parties already started to mobilize against the summit as anarchists/antiauthoritarians did and there will be various meetings, anti-summits. By the way nowadays cops started to attack violently to the activities of university students'. Fucking cops in action again! A few weeks ago they have attackedto an university occupation and arrested 168 student, wounding 10 of them. Some of the students have thrown themselves out of the windows. Students were aiming to stay a night in there but cops attacked 3 o'clock at night! The group was a left-wing university student group named "Ogrenci Koordinasyonu" (Student Coordination). As I have heard all were released in few days. Later on 18th of May after an anti-capitalist action in Bogazici University (Istanbul) police have attacked again arresting about 30 activists; all were released a day after.

What about so-called "legal rights" of protestors in Turkey and its practical use ?

With the process of EU there are some improvements in right to organize demos although it is quite "undemocratic" compared with western world. For e.g. the Coordination group organized an own demo in downtown Istanbul on 4th of April - NATO day. None got arrested, although there was a huge amount of police. Comrades from the Coordination group has already arranged lawyers, if any need will be necessary lawyers will deal with that. If you are arrested in a demo, authorities mostly deal with yourorganization in here - if you are member of a Kurdish group they may arrest you, or if u are related with a group like DHKP-C (illegal armed leftists) the same. But if you are just arrested in any demo "in general" they release you in few days. This is the case for current situations and it may probably differ during the NATO summit. As I emphasized so many times; most of the things are yet uncertain. BUT YET none of anarchists got arrested related with anti NATO activities.

Which other groups, parties or movements are planning activities against NATO summit and what is their atti-

de towards you ?

TKP (Turkish Communist Party) will have its own group. Stalinist and maoist radical left will also be there. "Kuresel BAK coalition" a platform of trotkists, some reformist left-wing parties like ODP involved in this group. Also trade-unions such as KESK, other left-wing parties like EMEP (party of Labor), maybe even nationalist-socialist IP will be there. People are angry and Turkish radical left see this as a chance to "prove" itself against the state. Yesterday while we were chatting on this issue a comrade said "even the legal political leftist parties are preparing to fight!" He was right; surely there will be clashes bw. police and protestors but don't know how large. Even the leader of KESK, which is a 500.000 membered left-wing trade-union has recently said "We wont let Bush to enter Istanbul!" Before the protest, police will/may arrest "suspected" people mostly from radical left. They have already arrested 76 people from DHKP-C and probably all will stay in prison until July till anti-NATO protests finish.

Extreme islamist groups activities are known internationally not only since antisemitic atack on Neve-Shalom Synagogue in November with many deaths, etc. Recently some of this spectre been arrested in Bursa. Maybe this question seem naive for you, but: do these kind of groups join big demonstrations with leftist forces, parties, unions, etc. or they make separate events or only are active in clandestine bombings, etc.?

They usually don't organize demos with leftists. Mostly they have their own demos (on Fridays after "Friday prayer") but in some cases they do march together with other groups though not so often. In anycase they are not so crowded as leftists - never in any demo.

Also for people who know little about present situation in Turkey, could you answer: which guerilla groups are still active? According to western media situation in Kurdistan got relaxed and Kurds getting generally more rights - is it true?

The ones which has guerillas; DHKP-C is still active but mostly in cities and less in rural regions. TIKKO (maoist) is active in Amasya, Tokat, Tunceli area but less in cities. MLKP/FESK started to gain some force and did few bombing actions in some cities, legally they are organizing under the name of ESP. PKK/KONGRA-GEL still active but there is kind of cease-fire between the state and them. Recently there was some fight in Kurdistan mountains and a number of militants and some soldiers died. There are also other few groups that have seperated from PKK and they still fight, but not as many as PKK in number. Kurdish legal movement is less violent though armed militants still exist. In the last local elections, they organized a coalition of leftist parties which was "legally" leaded by a small social democrat party. For sure there are some democratic "development"s (till now three Kurdish language courses has opened) but still lots of brutality going around.

Thank you very much for such a complex information. We wish you a lot of succes in your campaign. Our solidarity goes to all anti-authoritarian lefts and anarchist activists there.

* *(pictures-graphics-posters which we used in this material were made by Turkish activists, and any apologies should be directed there - AbolishingBB)*

Slovak students struggle Solidarity from abroad needed!

Since the very begining the main goal of this newspaper is bringing the social struggles from Western and Eastern Europe together. As we were witnessing recently a radicalisation of student protests in some west-european metropolies, especialy in Germany, and as we know that left-wing anti-authoritarians were playing an important role in these movements, we hope for some reaction from their side on the letter from our Slovakian comerades. At the same time we would like here to stress a mood among the Sloviakian society. Just a few months ago the radical explosion of Sloviakian Roma people seriously seared the government in that country. Today students are going on the streets of Bratisalva. And tommorow ... (AbolishingBB)

Me and few other anarchists in Slovak capital - Bratislava - participate in Students strike committe (SVS) which is a grassroots platform of uni students fighting against uni reform and catastrophic situation in the resort. Just few days ago we organised biggest students' demonstration since the fall of stalinism in 1989 with presence of 1000 uni and high school students, teachers, workers and other people. Not a big amount of people to your pespective but in conditions of Slovakia it was a really big thing. However, there are people in SVS who feel like we are a threat after the demo and they want to organise a round table with political aprties to explain them and convince them to not support the government uni social system reform. They even want to invite only the opposition parties and gain their support and a promise that they will not accept the reform. Many other people in SVS think it is nonsense and we as anarchists think the same and do not welcome this step. It is still an open issue in the SVS collective.

We would like to explain to those who think it is a good step further (a need to be a force for the bottom and from the up as well - as they say) that we should not politicise our attempts because it would do us harm. Part of these people have from little to none exprience with radical political activism and analysis of state and capitalism. Some of them also think that politics is about values which emans that if socialist government rules, antisocial reforms will not be passed. Thus I would like to ask you what are your experiences, especially the mistakes you made in the fights at unis and in collectives where there are different people with different political background. Becasue it is experiences what I think is the best argument. Also, arguments is a force of SVS. Although there are people with different politicla views, the atmosphere is such that the arguements always will and the decision making process is based on consensus. So, what would you suggest to us? What have you or students in your country have been through. Positive nad negative things? Problems and solutions you experienced? What are the "receipts" to a quick failure or on the other what things are effective and work out well mostly? Anything is welcomed and will be useful for us because SVS is on the good way to become a place or a "school" for direct action and direct democracy from the bottom up, which would be a really historical moment in Slovak history.

Michal Tulik
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Against Fortress Europe!

Anti-border camp in Poland July 8-11 somewhere on the border with Belarus

Beginning of new Europe-wide campaign ?

We would like to turn this year camp into general integrational meeting where we can plan more succesful anti-border campaing and activate more people to do things. We noticed that there is lack of activities after anti-border camps and as EU expanded its borders more to the East and South, we also need to expand our activity and answer new challenges. Therefore this year camp we would like to see as a beginning of new, continueous campaign all over Europe, or at least in Poland. We welcome everyone interested in this subject to come and share their views, participate in workshops and meetings and get more active in their home places.

We would like to make lots of practical workshops during this camp but also theoretical ones. We would like to devote part of one day to meeting of all people interested in creation/participation in radical anti-fascist movement.

We would also like this camp to be place to meet for anarchist from everywhere to discuss, commuicate and better understand each other and help each other in their struggles. Of course there will be some propaganda actions but this time we would rather prefer to use this time to coordinate further activities than use it on actions. (all details are still in process of decision)

What do we need ? First of all we need funds. without money it will not be possible to rent a place for camp and good transport to reach this place, also to produce good propaganda materials. We are looking for the people who would like to present interesting workshops, as well as for people with cars and for mobile kitchen equipment.

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Border 04-project on the road in Eastern Europe...

Border 04 is an multi-leveled project of contact and research, which will make its tour from Balkan till Baltic Sea (along the new EU-borders) between July and September of this year. In cooperation with local initiatives, media- and culture centers, old and new borders of administratory Europe will be revealed, researched and broken through. Beyond of political borders does virtual Europe exist ?An open Europe, which isn't anymore focussed on integration or exclusion, but rather on freedom of movement and freedom of communication?

Warsaw: Supposebly at old stadium, that serves as huge daily fleamarket you can buy everything, eg. also fake passports. By our short visit last year we found there especially unlimited trade of all pirate products, from newest DVD's till Nike shoes. Visible for us been number of African sellers, which with this business supported their survival and collected money for their next "jump": farther West. We met some, that been here since few years, some was even shortly in Germany, but then got deported back to Poland according to certain laws. And he will try again as thousands of transmigrants, that waiting for their chance not only in Warsaw...

Ushgorod: It is an open "secret", that Ukraina borders with Hungary or Slovakia is so carefully guarded by ukrainian border police, also simply to secure their own money income. Official wage don't offer good life, so bribes from smugglers are neccessery additionary income. In real, nobody supposed to go through without it. Yet, strenghtening of border regime goes in Ukraine on many levels. EU membership is far away, yet pressure from Schengen standards is visible. New deportation camps for refugees and migrants had been in last years builded not only along internal new EU borders (from Slovenia, through Hungary till Baltic states), but also here. Situation in 2 secluded and military guarded camps near Mukatchevo (some 80 km from Oshgorod), in which some 1000 people are kept under worst horrible condition speaks for itself...

Arad: Since many years women from this romanian city are coming to Germany as seasonal workers. They work e.g. at spargel or strawberry harvest for minimal (according to german wages) money. Still, 2 months of this work bring them more than one year of work according to romanian realities... if they'll get paid! In summer 2002 farmer in german Lampertsheim cheated on 18 of these women. They resisted, with support of one initiative also on jurisdical level and been able to defend their demands in front of the court. Yet, it was only because of coincidences, that possibility of demanding their rights at all appeared. In one video-project we interviewed some of them and asked about their motivations and doubts concerning hard work in West ...

Warsaw, Ushgorod, Arad... certainly 3 of the stations that would be visited this summer by Border 04 project. In a moment it is still open in how far whole this will had form of go-through tour from Slovenia till Latvia or should take place paralell on few places. On the way there are anywhow not only other countries, that now officially belong to EU. There will be also "excursions" to Croatia and Serbia (e.g. because of PGA conference, that takes place end of July in Beograd), but also to Romania and Ukraine. Final form of B04 depends mostly on this, in which way peoples and initiatives right there take idea of this project. In last years many contacts had been builded in this region especially through NoBorder Network (www.noborder.org) and through local border camps. On other hand they are also eastern european medial initiatives signalysing their interests. "Freedom of movement - Freedom of communication" - already last year we tried in form of temporay association"everybody is an expert" to bring this slogans into focus of mobilizations and debates. Also actual project is directed in practical realization of this demands.

We don't think it is enough, as till now happened,100 times to criticisy EU only as Fortress Europe with its-now widened-walls and analyse it only as extended zone of cheap labour, and with that complain only about sufferning of refugees or overexploited migrant workers. Fact is, that since years transmigrants and migrant workers are undermining and challenging permanently construction of Schengen-Europe and its exploitation's trap. Autonomies of migration cannot be broken. So-called "expansion to the east"can be then understood also as a proof, that functioning till now control mechanisms aren't been efficient. New EU memberships are then to be understood as an attempt to reorganise these control forms. If and how far according politically-economical constelations will work out and how migrants will find their ways int changed realities isn't yet clear at all. Anyhow,we consider our project as as an attempt to participate in further undermining of newly constructed borders of Europe. According to that B04 will focus more on contacts and researches on everyday level than spectacular forms of protest. We had planned also smaller concentrations and meetings, workshops, as well as presentations or movie projections in public spaces.

Warsaw,Ushgorod,Arad ... not by accident we mentioned before both thematical focusses of B04: transit-and work migration:so: re-shaping eastward of border regime but especially the ways through which (trans)migrants are dealing with and surviving that situation, or exploitation of seasonal workers in badly payed jobs and especially experiences of eastern european "mobile"workers.

Widening of east-west, but also east-east contacts:access to knowledge about asyl, marriage or work oriented migration; exchange of diverse experiences; question of circulating moments of resistence (individual or collective ones) ... all this interests us, we have much to learn, and in that same time we have some tips and tricks to give, so to communicate, as we are earnestly concern to make steps towards globalization from below...

We consider basing all this on freedom of movement&communication as pivotal,so the quest for transnational forms of exchange and organizing. And B04-project should serve this goal !

Report from NO BORDER CAMP Mursko Sredisce Croatia 30.04.-1.05.2004

Impressions settled down, so its time for report. The whole event was organized by the following groups: ACT, AFA, ANFEMA, FNB, RAI. During those two days around 60 people visited camp, some for one day, some for both days. People who worked in organization came a day earlier to prepare a camp. The first day, 30th of April, there were two lectures with projections - about borders in general and Schengen regime, and about trafficking of women. After that there was a big discussion considering organization of the camp, plans for tomorrow, absence and lack of interest of local people, and some other problems. I think discussion was positive, questioning A- movement, opening some problems for the future, but I also think that in the end it spread out and become repetitive. The second day around noon there was a Food Not Bombs in a town, with juggling. When we got back in a camp, there was a lot of local people eating, drinking and having fun, celebrating the 1st of May. Since we planned to make a workshop about the topic of immigrants and asylum seekers, we asked those people to join in, but they preferred to party, so most of them went away, and just a small group stayed and listened. Workshop was great despite of that. In the town began round table in 6 pm. It was 17 of us, including guests. Nobody from local community came, which was again - disappointing. Nevertheless, discussion was useful and interesting. Since Slovenia entered the EU, we discussed about issue of EU. In the evening the final party begun and it lasted till the small hours. On the meeting after the camp, we concluded that it all went great in organization, considering the number of people involved in it, the means we managed to collect, and amount of work we did. This was very good and useful experience for the next camp, especially because it was the first No-border camp in Croatia.

Welcome in the next issue ABB and our subcuture pages. This time we present You provocation work about state of art (do You agree with this opinion?) and two short infos about music festivals. And... we wait for more infos about culture live in your society.

Bakunin is rocking in his grave!

A rock festival to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the birth of Mikhail Bakunin was held in Tver on 17th April in the communal centre "Mir Kinoteatr". The concerts were attended by many anarchists and others, many of whom were also rock musicians. The festival was held for the obvious benefit of the Tver anarchist movement: comrades had a wonderful opportunity to get to know each other, make friends and talk about plans for the future. So, as the late Natalie Pirumova said - "VIVA ANARCHY"!

15-21 November 2004 - Minsk, Belarus
NO CULTURE WITHOUT SUBCULTURE festival

In November 15-21 in Minsk, the capital of Belarus, an international festival of independent culture will take place.

Call-out: We would like to invite the collectives, groups and individulas busy in independent art and culture in all parts of Europe to come to Belarus and share their experience and ideas with people from former Soviet Union countries like Belarus, Russia, Ukraine, Moldova and Caucasian Republics in the forms of discussions, exhibitions, talks, debates, videoshows, concerts and fun. Everybody who is interested can participate. If you would like to come and represent your collective and find partners for your cultural projects you are welcome. We are also loking for the artists and musicians who can come and perform at the festival in Minsk.

We would like to give the possibility to meet each other for people from the Western and Central/Eastern Europe and people from Belarus, Russia, Ukraine, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Moldova and Georgia;

- to make the contacts and exchange the information; - to discuss the problems which the independent cultural groups can meet in different countries for their activities; - to promote the independence, creative attitude and non-profit approach in cultural activities; - to initiate cultural projects between mentioned CIS countries and European cultural organisations.

The programme will be done by YOU!

Make your proposals if you want to participate. For: - info-workshops about cultural projects you are doing; - discussions on the ideological questions connected with cultural issues; - exhibition of cultural organisations (attending the meeting) in Minsk; - pictures, paintings, collages, etc; - films and videoart; - tactical media and counter information; - video about cultural events in different countries; - concert (bands, DJs, VJs).

Venue: The meeting will take place is the hosting complex "Stayki" near to Minsk (20 km). Application form Please fill the application form and return before the 15th of October on natasha@eyfa.org Contact: If you are interested to take part please write us on natasha@eyfa.org

more details in next ABB

Below we printed artwork of Wladyslaw Kazmierczak - polish performer, organizer and observer of culture & reality. Originally this art work has published under: www.hysterics.art.pl. We recommend this site.

Why does the art world fear of real life? Why is real life more interesting than art? Why is art so boring?

The art's world is very weak because:

1. The artists eliminate their political and social experiences from art. They forget what they have just read in the newspaper. They forget what they have just seen on the street. They do not use their social or political sensitivity while creating their own art.

2.The artists agree to the conditions imposed by galleries, museums, curators, clerks and politicians who in turn depend on public finances and the electorate that finally decides about the art presented.

3. The art is a commodity and it depends on money, opinions and political aims of the richest institutions and people in the world.

4. E.g., Rudolph Giulani closing the "Sensation" exhibition became a guard of the values of the majority of his electorate. He is one of the thousands guards of public life in the democratic system. In the whole world, the art is pushed outside the frame of each community by "decent" people - presidents, councilors and mayors.

5. In the whole world, unlearned "media workers" scorn the art and treat it as an interesting fact or short-term sensation.

6. Political art is a dangerous rival to the mass media, politicians and the rich establishment supervising the art's market.

7.The artists are afraid of making art that comments on the bad sites of reality. The artists take over the opinions of the rich people and create the world for themselves. Satiated, fit and efficient world created according to the rules of globalization. Hiding away the giant unjustness in the world. The global model of the civilization development aims at unbearable boredom, gentleness, averaging and calmness. It does not pose any difficult or important questions.

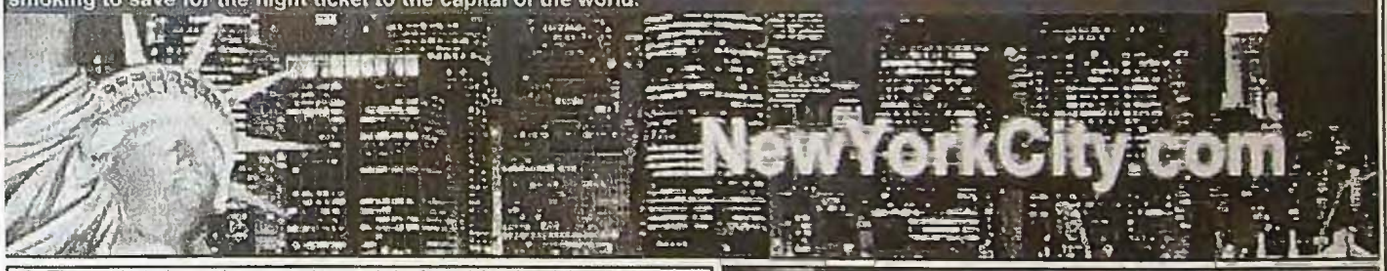
8. Curators, gallery owners, art critics, owners of publishing houses of great magazines are afraid of talking or presenting the art that would be political, anti-globalistic, brave, not limited neither ideologically nor aesthetically. And if they allow for such possibility these are rather themes of second importance; e.g. Cattelan's Pope.

11. There disappear disinterested, solid, non-commercial and alternative actions of the artists.

9. Freedom in art is a value decreasingly tolerated in the official world of art. The ethos of freedom in art slowly becomes a blurred notion. "Freedom - yes!, but not for our money".

10. The artists, curators, art critics, magazines' publishers apply self-censorship in expressing their own opinions. They all depend on either public or private finances.

12. The artists, curators, art critics and dealers emigrate there, where there is the greatest capital, e.g. to New York. They even quit smoking to save for the flight ticket to the capital of the world.



13. The art is indecently expensive and designed for the richest communities. The borders of art's market are identical to the borders of the richest countries of the world. With the exception of the rich Arabic countries which are not interested in the western art market for religious reasons.

14. The art market is an invention and property of the West that completely ignores the art created in the countries of the "weaker currencies". Middle and Eastern Europe, Asia with the exception of Japan and Korea, Indonesia, Latin and South America, African countries (except for Israel and South Africa) - so the majority of the world is scorned!!! Western art market introduces only seasonal fascinations e.g. of Chinese, eastern-European, Asian, Aborigine, African or Latin American art. Not distinguishing the names of artists or even the countries.

The distance between the art presented in galleries and performance art is increasingly visible. The performance art is erased from public consciousness, because as the only trend in art it says about the problems of this world. And it is not all about announcing its triumphal victory, but about stating a very dangerous fact of the slow and gradual eliminating of important art from our environment. The artists and curators have less and less to say in this process and? they accept the new rules imposed on by governments, parliaments and city councils. The art is consciously pushed outside the frame of each community. The conservatism of societies is not a new phenomenon. It has always existed. Many critical minds would like to see this process as the fall of art, as the empty dummy pretending art. But let us not forget that this is live and dynamic process, in which there is no place for political art. Today, the art is terrified with reality, politics and politicians. The art today is terrified with the truth.

Statement for the public concerning recent outburst of violence in Kosovo

Union confederation "Anarcho-syndicalist initiative"

Belgrade - Serbia

At the end of March, after longer period of "quiteness" (or rather daily, capitalist violence, which is perceived as normality not worth to mention) clashes broke up in Kosovo. International media got alarmed writing as usually about "ethnic violence" accompanied of pictures, that we ussually know from Palestine: of youth attacking tanks (especially greek contingent of NATO-related "peacekeeping" soldiers had been assaulted at Mitrovica) with stones. Here we print statement of ASI concerning these events, which made its echo wide over Balkans...

Union confederation "Anarcho-syndicalist initiative" statement for the public - concerning recent outburst of violence in Kosovo

Events, taking place in Kosovo and Serbia, that we have witnessed in the recent period are clearly showing lack of power of State and it's religion - the nationalism. Argument used as an excuse for wars in Balkan region by the bourgeoisies too often, that old medicine for an empty stomach, nationalism, has disappeared as an empty balloon and is not capable of mobilizing the masses any more. That is the reason why, on the streets of the biggest city in the ex-Yugoslavian region, we saw not more than 10 thousand people, mainly god-fearing losers, confused youth, reactionary students and drunken football hooligans.

Recent clashes, initiated by Kosovo, and happily accepted by Serbian bourgeoisie, had for their goal only moving of the public focus from social questions, questions only relevant for workers and peasants; this is precisely why it is possible to say that two ruling cliques have been working in full cooperation. So called "national question", whatever that unclear stale term means, decorated it's great fall to the historical dump with fitting decoration - burnings and barbarian raging. On both, only superficially confronted, sides. Also, there is no doubt that different secret services have their hands in recent developing, because the fact that with national tensions on the local level it is easier to maintain global capitalist dictatorship. These events were used as a time out for bourgeoisies who are finding themselves under, every day stronger, pressure of the right-less, hungry and angry people. The continuation of social clashes will without the doubt, on both sides, produce movement of revolutionary workers and peasants which will be able to isolate real enemies - bosses and politicians, and will thru revolutionary process create different social system. Society of libertarian communism, society of politics and democracy without political parties and politicians, society of solidarity, equality and self-fulfillines - Anarchy. Because, utopia is not something that can not be achieved - it is something that has not yet been achieved. Regardless of all machinations of the ruling classes in this area - in which special part is played by the Serbian oligarchy, manipulating with kids and condemning attacks on mosques, attacks which were triggered because of Serbian oligarchy's chauvinist politics - the workers understood the real nature of recent events and didn't support war callers. Because workers kids, who can only dream about the new shoes or tree meals a day, are much more important that weeping over burnt symbols of medieval darkness. After coffee without cofein, sweaters without sugar, in our home made production this sad comedy of capitalist society is being continued. Primitive Serbian bourgeoisie is, this time, trying to sell us concept of nationalism without the violence. And thus taking away the essential bit of nationalist idea. That farce should pass by us, exploited, unnoted if for it's result it wouldn't have scarifying of the Kosovo population to Kosovo myth. Organized criminal group, canonically unrecognized Serbian orthodox church, organisation whose leadership is decorating and blessing gatherings of Serbian bosses/thieves, organisation who does exist only to make existence of government and exploitation easier, organisation which is, in our, modern time,

continuing the practice of tribe shamans and other charlatans, confronted with the reason, along the lines of their politics of looking at a dead animals stomachs, managed to get out of this tragedy again with good profit. Using the suffering of people from Kosovo, that found themselves in the middle between interests of Serbian and Kosovo bourgeoisie, the priest got State support - and now from the money that is looted from the workers by the State one part is going to be used for feeding of church gang in Kosovo. Those who were government until recently, liberal-fascist from different parties which are respecting the cult of the eliminated criminal Zoran Djindjic, using the tragedy that they are guilty of too, are trying to get support from the population for their concept of transitional fascism by betting on, to everybody except the bourgeoisie oblivious, dead hors of nationalism. To be true we have to say that they are doing it in one, if it is anyhow possible, more bizarre way. They are pushing forward, as "national interest", need of fastened integration in instruments of totalitarian capitalist dictatorship - NATO and other military superstructures. The very same NATO who was, couple of years ago, bombarding the workers and peasants in our region. The very same NATO whose key State - SAD - is excluded from the list of States that are sued for the bombing during the rule of war criminal, American spy and anti-worker manipulator Slobodan Milosevic. Government of Serbia, understanding that right-wing concept of centralization can only distance solution of clashes in Kosovo started moaning for the decentralization of Kosovo. But, this time too they don't have the power, will and interest to solve this problem to the end - decentralization that they are talking about will for its end have only creation of smaller national communities - again based on hierarchical, para-State, principals.

That kind of decentralization will not enable real freedom for population in Kosovo. There is a need to go to the end with the decentralization if we are into opening the doors of freedom. Balkan confederation - confederation of different geographical structures - from municipal to confederation of Balkan regions - is the only long lasting solution for clashes and bloody Balkan history, and only that kind of structure, based on direct-democratically governing from below, will guaranty the future for peasants and workers of Balkan. Radical liberals, nongovernmental organisation and para-libertarian organizations started their pale, dumb and stupid pacifistic campaign for bourgeoisie peace. Peace, peace, they are screaming like crows. Peace they say, while not understanding that the peace is only achievable by war. Class war, which will destroy those ones who are exploiting, terrorizing and dehumanizing whole world population. Those ones who are in power and who are looting and tyrannizing the workers and peasants everywhere, in Serbia, and in Kosovo, and in Albania, and in USA, and in Britain, and in France, and in Spain, and in China, and in Cuba, and in Germany, and in Australia, and in Nigeria, and in Brazil, and in Mexico, and in all other countries in the world. There is a need for a war that will, this time for real, end all wars. There is a need for global libertarian revolution!

NO TO THE WARS BETWEEN NATIONS,
NO TO THE PEACE BETWEEN CLASSES!
LONG LIVE BALKAN CONFEDERATION!
LONG LIVE INTERNATIONAL
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In Novi Sad/Belgrade,
1st of April, 2004.
Secretariat of Union confederation
Anarcho-syndicalist initiative

New Romanian Indymedia

After permanent problems with nationalist, fascist or other right-wigns tendentions within untill now existing so called "Romanian Indymedia", group of romanian activists decided to start a new project based on different principles. Bellow is the new team mission statement.

Platform for Social Change

In order to solve the problems with which we are faced as a society, we need channels of information and action, of collaboration and exchange of ideas. In Romania, there are too few concerted strategies, especially at the national level, aimed towards the elimination of opressive social, economic, and political structures. Indymedia is a project that can facilitate the dissemination of information and the collaborations necessary for this goal of organizing for economic and social justice.

Breaking the Media Monopoly

In Romania, due to rather closed and rigid media, culture and grassroots politics are even more underrepresented than in other parts of the world. 'Free Media' finds itself at the lowest level since the fall of Ceausescu with the majority of newspapers, radio stations and tv channels being under the control of politicians or corporations directly affiliated to political parties. In local newspapers, members of peace organizations have their photos next to neo-nazi skinheads, with headlines like "enemies of globalizations;" people involved in so-called 'extreme sports' like mountain biking or skateboarding are slandered, being presented as suicidal or potential criminals. As the situation worsens, 'the freedom of the press' becomes a necessity - but this has to be taken further from the elites who own the conventional media, and make it possible for everyone to become their own independent media.

"Alternative" Media

An alternative to the mainstream press means covering what is usually excluded or trivialized by existing media outlets: cases of media censorship, political infractions of the law, violation of people's rights, and local struggles for democracy, justice, and environmental awareness. This changed content is important, but it is equally important to create a different style from the mainstream. We want to avoid becoming another channel for propaganda by trying instead to represent the different sides and perspectives in any conflict and by acknowledging our own position is not 'universal.' We also affirm the right to have a sense of humor. Rather than becoming another news-website, we would like to provide a place for non-traditional and innovative content, which might include manifestoes for non-existent presidents, or subreal reflections on the absurdity of daily politics. As a voice of an alternative society we recognize the importance of portraying not just the 'culture of protest' - campaigns and demonstrations against corporate globalization and the war-economy that rules our world - but the emergence of new values, styles of life, and desires.

Do It Yourselfism

The rise in new technologies and cheap consumer electronics has made possible the growth of independent media production and global networks of collaboration. In principle, everyone has the power to do it themselves. In reality, cheap consumer electronics are not so cheap everywhere, and real inequalities of technical knowledge have not placed media production in the hands of the vast number of people. As an organization based on shared work and collaboration, we want to prevent inequalities of knowledge - which lead to an atmosphere of passivity as people wait for someone else who is more 'expert' to do it for them. We believe in the necessity of helping each other, but the best form of help is not to make it a habit to produce something for others who don't know how, but to pass down the knowledge and skills so that others in the group can learn how to do it themselves. Members who have technical expertise are asked to help provide media, IT and software training for each other and for other local groups.

Networking and Cooperation

It is not through opposition alone that alternatives to the 'world order' emerge, but through new values and new forms of cooperation. In this sense Indymedia Romania is not just a media experiment but a social laboratory (...)

You can visit the real indymedia romania at:

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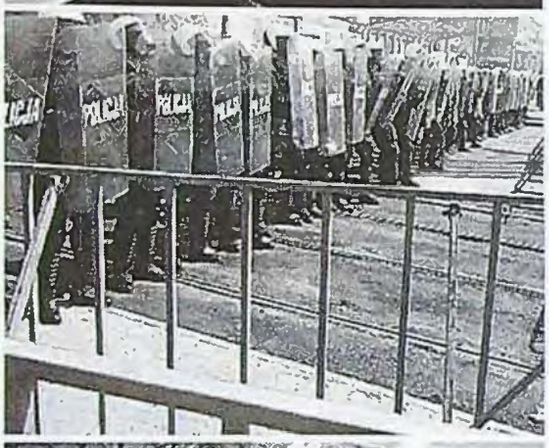
"Anarchist ideas and the desires of a wider part of polish society are getting closer and closer"

Report and sum up of anti-EEF activities in Warsaw



Deprived of civil rights, flat and doctor. Robbed by "government-bank mafia"

THE ALTERNATIVE ECONOMIC FORUM IN WARSAW

From 28-30 of April, anarchists from Warsaw organized the AEF to coincide with the European Economic Summit. The event attracted many people from Warsaw; hundreds of people, who had made contact through the internet, came by to hear both criticism of the exisiting economic system as well as ideas for alternatives to it. Anarchists and other libertarians spoke about a wide range of topics including direct democracy, citizens' initiatives, alternative methods of exchange, LETS, Parecon, solidarity trade, direct actions of individual farmers, information about the activities of international investment banks and monetary institutions and critiques of capitalism and globalization from many aspects. Besides these issues, discussion on drugs, international solidarity with Palestine, anti-semitism and the war in Chechnya proved very popular.

In general, we felt that the event was a success, and we were particularly glad to have pulled it off after being told just days before the event that the teachers' union would no longer host us. (The head of the union was afraid of being associated with the likes of us.) It took an amazing effort to get a place less than 24 hours before it's start, and, due to subsequent problems with space, unfortunately the more participatory events had to be cancelled so that groups and speakers who prepared a lot wouldn't be inconvienced and this effected the organizational side. Our main purpose was to provide a way for the general public to get information and hear about ideas and practices which, unfortunately, are not always easy to come by. In this respect, we were glad to see lots of new faces and even a number of repeats at several talks and to get a chance to present these ideas to people who might otherwise by totally confused as to what protestors wanted. One of the most serious image problems that anti-summit protestors seem to have is that they are presented as people who do not really offer any alternatives and are fuzzy about what they want. (Unfortunately, there may sometimes be truth in that when protests focus mostly on opposition politics.)

One very interesting aspect of the event was the eventual assessment of it by the press and even the Summit. Several politicians, businesspeople and participants in the EES attended a few events and, surprisingly, generated some positive feedback. (A report of the AEF eventually landed in the main paper in the economic section along with other 'serious' economic and business news.) This said, despite the fact that people were celebrating that the papers said positive things about us and that we were generally satisfied with the event, I am a bit concerned about the role the protest and the AEF may

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Taking into consideration who actually would profit from clashes between alter-globalists and police, it was very good that it was avoided. Everybody whom we consider as an enemy of libertarian social struggle was praying for flying stones, burning shops and running cops in Warsaw. The capitalist media were hoping to make good money from our blood. Police forces have surely wished a lot to prove their professionalism and show their colleges around the world how strong and sure is a polish coppers hand. At the same time, their chefs together with the government were hoping for at least a small riot to have a excuse for their expensive security measures (millions of zlotys, 13-18 thousand cops, shut down of the city, etc). Polish capitalist elites would like also to see some "acts of vandalism" to prove their theory of anarchists - alterglobalists being "mindless and isolated from society hooligans". Ach ... of course the true hooligans, mostly rightwing and xenophobic street fighters, were wishing to have some fun on the alterglobalist account too. But anti-EEF protests in Warsaw did not turn into Springtime-Christmas for them. I mean: the gifts were not distributed! How much it was as a result of our conscious great strategy and how much caused by fear and the will to avoid mass arrestment and bloody massacre - these speculations I leave on the side as there are more interesting things about this action which should be mentioned.

The biggest so far alterglobalist march in Poland started with about 4-5 thousand people with about a one hour delay as somewhere on the road from Poznan to Warsaw a bus with workers from Solidarnosc'80 and anarchists from Workers Initiative was

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stopped many times by police. The head of the march was made up of a few hundred anarchists joined by self-organized miners from Biedaszyby, and one priest in black who came to Warsaw with miners and surprised everyone by obviously showing a fuck-finger ... yet, I am not sure to whom: to police or to mainstream media reporters. Anyway, so far I know it was a first black block in history of social protest in this country which consisted of anarchists and minors. According to reports within this block was a very good atmosphere and both communities unified 100% under the slogans in spirit of: *No more capitalism! No more politicians and political parties! Power to the people!*

The middle of the march consisted of very different organizations and communities, among them; farmers from *Solidarity of Individual Farmers*, workers protests-commities and unionists from different cities (*Solidarnosc'80* from Poznan, ex-workers from Ozarow cabel factory, *Poland-wide Protest Committee*, etc), anarcho-syndycalists (*Workers Initiative of Anarchist Federation* and *Left Alternative*), feminists, unemployment people, different types of socialist and communists (*New Left, Workers Democracy, KPP, NLR* ...), rest of the independent miners (they actually decided to not go in one close group as they were expecting police violence to focus on them), *ATTAC*, individual anarchists and ecologists. All together there must be about 2000 people in this block. At the end of the march, kind of fun-block with another few hundreds people was created, among them pot smokers, punx and parents with children.

With each hour more and more people were joining the very open and friendly to the inhabitants of Warsaw manifesting march, so that the number of demonstrators increased in something between 7-8 thousands (there are some which said that they've seen about 10 thousands people). Around demonstration the small but many groups of football hooligans were waiting for the sign to attack ... anyone, anything. They provoked two small incidents. have inadvertantly played at the EES.

From what I heard from a couple of participants in the EES, apparently the fact that many business people from the most affluent countries did not show up in Warsaw changed the tone of the meetings, with delegates from poorer European countries dominating. (Less than 700 delegates attended after fear of anti-globalist demonstrations forced the Summit into a smaller, less palacial venue. Some of the attendees clearly felt snubbed by businessmen and politicians from the richer countries. Some ironically spoke of the great opportunities for businessmen from Albania and Croatia to find investors from Poland.) I heard that there was a fair amount of criticism of certain aspects of current economics, in particular of inequality in Europe and reforms in the social sector. In light of this, it seems that perhaps for a small portion of participants, the AEForum provided a convenient background of dissatisfaction for those who ultimately had other proposals for solving the situation.

In addition, we understand that the organizers of the Summit drank champagne after the 29.04 demo ended peacefully and without much bother. A few foreigners commented on how great the Polish state was to spend so much money on security. It is very likely that Warsaw will be proposed for the next EES and it will also host the Council of Europe. It turns out that, despite extremely hard efforts by the local organizers, Warsaw is very safe for summit-goers. The local activists are not in a position to respond to all important events or meetings: an equally important event, the Trilateral Commission Meeting, went on without even a sound just one week later. The fact of the matter is that despite the fact that it was undoubtedly great to see a bit of life get back into the local activists, it was a very straining thing to organize, and most of the responsibility and financial burden fell on a handful of individuals. The money spent on different events could have supported a number of ongoing local projects for years. There is a slight chance that Warsaw will even permanently host the EES, as the Presidents proposed. It that case, it is a question about how many resources and how much time should actually go into these anti-summits, but, if you take into account that a large part of the Warsaw scene is otherwise uninspired, at least they wouldn't be distracting themselves from other long term projects if there weren't that many to begin with. And a good response to the demo seems to have cheered people up considerably.

For our part, we would be interested in again responding to the Summit, were it to be held again in Warsaw but I personally would be thinking of a shorter, more focused program, but with more integrative workshops which were lacking this time. One part of the Forum which was, unfortunately much too weak was the literature stands: only a couple were there so, unfortunately, some people who would have loved to have gotten literature, went away without. Publications which we brought disappeared within seconds, so the demand was greater than the supply. I found it a little sad that even though most anarchists always say they want to

The biggest so far alter-globalists march in Poland started with 5 ... and finished with about 8 thousand people

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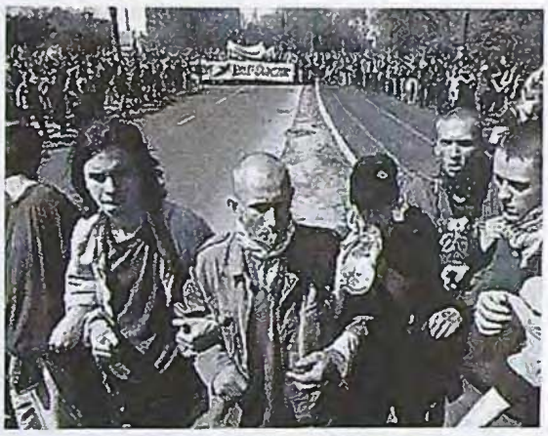

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get their ideas across to the public, many people concentrated on the demonstration aspect of the anti-summit, which although important, is not always the venue to get ideas across. Much of the anarchist literature, much of it oriented towards the internal movement, stayed at the demo infopoint and, although sometimes the public was brave enough to come by, I wonder how much was sold internally vs. externally. So, if there is a next time, we hope anarchists will try more seriously to make contact with the people who tried especially to go to an event to learn about different ideas, and not make it an experience where they come and leave unnoticed and without a great publication!

Further, we are planning on keeping a discussion on alternative economics going, and probably for this we will have to move out of our usual environment and we intend to follow up more and more with other contacts with alternative movements that we've made over the past couple of years. We are hoping that something new and exciting can come out of this.

We have to start making some more serious analyses for the public because, despite a number of good things written by anarchists, people searching for information and ideas had a hard time finding a good amount of material. The work of the anarchist milieu (with a few exceptions) in this area before the summit was decidedly too weak and, it seemed strange to people that anarchists were always claiming to be about ideas and alternatives and not violence, but the presentation of these ideas were not strong enough to satisfy most people. Public discussion forums on alternative economics was, unfortunately dominated by idiocy instead of ideas, and, the few things on there seemed to get lost. In this light, it probably makes no sense to spend much time with such Forums which don't lead to a serious discussion of ideas. Unless they can become somehow less attractive to people who want to discuss police all day long.

With continued work in mind, we have done a follow-up publicalion and will try to cooperate in some new projects. Anarchists who organized the protests also plan to do some follow-ups. Again, we appeal to anarchists and other libertarians to help out by forwarded interesting texts to us on alternative economics for our web pages! If you have any great ideas or experiences, pass them on to Poland! (And not only!)

Besides, obviously, thanking everybody who took part, everybody who helped spread information about these events, translated stuff, came and took part, we'd also like to give some special thanks to a few people for extra support, in particular to friends in Berlin, Thessaloniki, Norway and Szczecin (you know who you are!) and, as always, friends from Russia, Belarus and Romania for whom just getting here was a feat! This international solidarity was very important for us and we are sure that such an event was an important block in building our movement and strengthening existing ties!

L. Akai

Once they try to provoke confrontation with police but most of the people or ignore them or explain them that it is not a main point of this gathering. Second time they harassed one guy with Chechnya national flag as they took him for a fan of hostile football club (because of colours on the flag ...). The only massive attack on the police cordons took place when the March approaches an Economic Forum conference place. It was 5 minute long bombardment with hundreds of toilet-paper rolls and shouting the slogan "You are like this paper - just to stick in asshole". Some anonymous stones joined their toilet roll comrades and hit the cops but they did not answer.

The Wa29 manifestation finished without any clashes, so as well without arrestment or injures. I aloud myself a little conclusion: This march was just a part of wider activities called "Wa29" and consisting basically of Alternative EF, some smaller actions, informative campaigns and the main demonstration. On the whole this "Wa29" was just another step in the process of building a ground for stronger anti-authoritarian social movement against capitalist oppression and for a free society in the region. In this sense, both - the March and "Wa29" itself - were very important and quite effectively used opportunities to give this process a new dynamic. It was the first time groups of workers, miners, farmers, unemployed ... have joined an action organised mostly by anarchists. They not only joined them but as well seemed to feel that this "movement" (here: anarchist-one) speaks their language, demands what they demand, and organises themselves as these groups recently have. This, as well as massive support from Warsaw inhabitants during the march and crowds on the AEF, have showed that anarchist ideas and the desires of a wider part of polish society are getting closer and closer. Very careful evaluations of this experience (with huge potential for the future!) and further progressive campaigns based on the achievements of "Wa29" (and recent years of continuous activities!) are immediately needed to call the Anti-EEF-campaign as a success.

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TURKEY

NATO day celebrated! ISTANBUL

4th of April, anniversary of NATO's foundation. As a precious part of "certain days and weeks" this date was chosen as "NATO day" in Turkey. Especially this year, it was ordered to be celebrated in primary&high schools as a gesture for NATO summit which will be held next June in Istanbul.

This celebration was not only in schools; on 4th of April in Taksim Mis Street another celebration was also held under the name of 4th of April Ceremony Branch. Ceremony Branch consisting of anarchist, libertarian socialist, libertarian marxist, autonomous groups and individuals was about 40 people, wearing school collars and cuffs of "nato branch" "ceremony branch" etc. they started to walk within regular steps in accompany of snare drums. At first people sang together. After the song, a poem mentioning the importance of NATO has been read. Following the poem press release has been read and ceremony ended. During the action, the group carrying black, black-red flags and placards of "nato head nato marble", "capitalism kills", "nato army of the rich", "nato servant of bosses", "no party no leader", "don't go to army go to funfair" shouted slogans of "rebel, revolution, liberty", "seattle, genoa, prague, thessaloniki, istanbul rebel", "all states are murderers", "millions are hungry, under occupation, long live global intifada", "no liberation on one's own, altogether or none".

In the press release it was stated that for ages bosses, commanders, leaders, husbands or elders have decided in our names, dragging people to desperateness they have provided comfort and government for their own sake and capitalism as the system of masters of the universe was also mentioned. Press release ended as "From here we are calling out to those people waving the flag of liberty with their resistance in Seattle, in Prague, in Genoa and in everywhere masters of the universe go. We are inviting all of you to Istanbul to express solidarity with the oppressed of these lands to Istanbul in 28-29 June.

POLAND

More freedom for the cops, less rights for the people

A new law is being under discussion in Poland, which would give even more rights to cops. In the light of the law currently in place, cops have to explain why they think their life was threatened which can justify shooting at somebody without warning. Several such cases of people shot dead by police without reason appeared in the last month. In the light of the proposed law, the cops would only need to state that they "felt their life was threatened". It will be difficult to discuss with the subjective feeling of a cop, especially if you're dead.

Maybe someone would like to demonstrate against such a policy but unfortunately demonstration law is in Poland under recontstruction as well ... .

Quit of the national roots

Apparently, a 24-year old man from Berlin came to Poland on a trip and after visiting a concentration camp, destroyed his documents, said he never wants to go back to Germany and even refuses to speak German. The police in Gdansk are trying to figure out what to do with him.

Hunger strikes in polish prisons

In end of May inmates in three Polish prisons started a hunger strike in protest against the overcrowding of prisons. They protest against having 8 inmates in 5 person cells. 600 inmates are protesting in Wolow (Silesia). 300 inmates from Wronki (Poznan region) have joined on a solidarity strike as well as 340 people from Klodzko (Silesia).

RUSSIA

One person deadly run over by police bus NIZHNI NOVGOROD

During the Mayday demonstration one member of KPRF died and several were injured when a bus full of OMON drove to march. Event was first ignored by but later on covered by local media, however it would be surprising if someone got punished.

34% for fascists MOSCOW

Fascist front organisation "Movement against illegal immigration" (DPNI) got 34% of votes in Moscow area of Orehovo-Borisovo South in supplementary elections for municipal council. Putin's "United Russia" got their candidate passed with 48%, propably because of vote-rigging. This is first major electionary turnout for DPNI.

Antifascist demo PETERSBURG

The Petersburg Anarchist League and Epicenter Infoshop were among the organizers of an antifascist demo on March 28 in Petersburg. The meeting went without major incident except for some police harrassment which force people to change route. Over 70 people took part.

Anarcho-syndicalists campaign against MOKS fuel TOMSK

13th of May anarcho-syndicalists from KAS in Tomsk of Siberia held their second picked against plans to build a plant producing nuclear MOKS fuel in the city of Seversk of Tomsk oblast. Old guard of anarcho-syndicalists was positively surprised for good turn out of anarcho-punks and other youth. A weird provocation was organised against picket - a group of paid demonstrators was brought with a bus from Siberian chemical combinate, these folks had placates against alcoholism, narcotics, carelesness in road traffic and disappearance of Salmon from river Tomi. Obviously, they were brought in to tune down anti-nuclear message of the ecological picket, and provocation gained some success since much of the media took interviews from this group, which claimed that problem with nuclear fuel is "secondary". But alltogether Tomsk anarcho-syndicalists consider their picket succesfull, since it gained attention of both media and passers by.

Russian Duma moves to limit protest actions MOSCOW

March 31. Protests in most Russian public places, including outside official buildings, will become illegal under a bill given preliminary approval by the Kremlin-controlled parliament. The State Duma lower house of parliament, where President Vladimir Putin's allies hold a two-thirds majority, approved the first reading of a bill which critics call the "final elimination of democratic norms" in Russia. Ecology group Ecodefence, which demonstrated outside the Duma until its protest was dissolved by police, urged deputies to reject the bill and said it would refuse to obey it. Under the draft, which was passed with 294 votes in favour and 137 against and needs to pass two more readings, rallies and pickets will not be allowed near official buildings, embassies and offices of international organisations. The draft forbids public protests near major roads, pipelines and environmentally hazardous industrial sites. The black list also includes schools, kindergartens, hospitals, stadiums, concert halls and religious centres. The government, which presented the draft, has justified the move saying that public events near such sites could threaten their security. "This would be the end of political life in the streets," a senior member of Communist faction in the Duma, Sergei Reshulsky, said. Ecodefence said in a statement, "The right to gather and express opinions on political processes is the inalienable right of any Russian citizen." The communist and nationalist factions voted against the bill, while the pro-Putin 'United Russia' party backed it. (Reuters)

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Permanent anti-fascist struggle on the streets of Russian cities

Moscow anarchist anti-fascist action 16th of March 2004

Movement Against Illegal Immigration (DPNI) is a new attempt by Moscow fascists to set up a respectable facade behind which to spread hate. It has had some success in its organising efforts lately, and in three regions of Moscow they have militias which cooperate with police in "search of illegal immigrants". Their second attempt to organise a rally this year was succesfull (20th of February their action was banned), in 16th of March they met in front of Gorki's park with pretext of "commemoration of victims of bomb attack" of 6th of February, in a shameful attempt to score politically from a massacre in metro committed by persons unknown. Orthodox christians commemorate dead 40 days after death, but fascist filth is weak in arithmetics and this was really only 39th day. Some 150- 200 nazis gathered behind police encirclement, half of whom were boneheads and other street fighters, spitting hate under banners such as "Ermolov instead of Kadirov" (Ermolov was Czar's brutal general in Siberia and Caucasus, Kadirov is current Putin's goon in Chechnya) and demanding cleansing Moscow from Chechnyans. Only 15 persons gathered to go against fascists in open air, these sorry numbers reflect current balance of power between anti-fascists and nazis in streets Moscow. Anti-fascists included anarchists from Rainbow Keepers and Autonomous Action. Radical wing of liberal anti-fascism from Sabotage-group and antifa.ru website was observing the nazi meeting, and some of them joined action. Some 5 persons from wacko Revolutionary Worker's Party (RRP) also appeared, although no-one had invited them. Soon after arrival to square, anarchist anti-fascists raised banner "FSB is blowing us up" with crossed swastika and crossed sickle and hammer, scanning slogans "Fascism won't trespass!" and "Fascist scum, get out from Moscow!". For a moment author of these lines wondered if this would become the last action of his life. However slow ass nazi scum missed their opportunity to organise massacre of the month, police encircled counter-demonstrators and arrested some 5 persons and teared their banner to pieces. Right when cops had withdrawn, anti-fascists raised another banner "No-one is illegal", and continued scanning slogans. Another 5 persons got arrested by OMON which came up running, one Rainbow Keeper got smacked to ground but seemingly no-one was tortured after arrest. Few people who were not arrested managed to withdraw without nazis jumping on them. When writing this, most of the arrested anti-fascists have been released with irrelevant misdemeanour charges. This action may be regarded as an important step - although it is shameful that anti-fascist have to count on good luck or cops hitting faster than nazis, it is still important to prove that we are not afraid, and we will go even if it was 1 to 10 or even 1 to 100. We are not asking authorities to shut down nazi meetings - we will do it ourselves! No Pasaran!

Anti-fascist demonstration in Rostov-na-Donu, 4 April

On 4th April 2004 in the Rostov-on-the-Don there was an anti-fascist demonstration, organized by the Federation of Anarcho-Communists (FAK). The action saw the participation of 25 anarchists from Rostov-on-the-Don, Azov and Taganrog. The demo was carried out under six red-and-black flags. Passers-by were given leaflets and the ideological principles of anarchism were explained. Interviews with a local television network and newspaper were also given. Participants in the demonstration tried to focus the attention of the press and community on the Russian government's policy of discrimination against national minorities and migrants. In the leaflets, it was emphasized that the political course of the Putin regime has much in common with the dreams of radical-nationalists. Many passers-by agreed with the anarchists, and two young people expressed the desire to join our work and left their contact addresses. In parallel with the anti-fascist agitation funds were collected for the support of the anarchist political prisoner Dmitriy Ryabinin. The action ended with a procession along one of the central streets of Rostov, under the red-and-black flags and with anti-fascist and pacifist slogans.

Vicious attack on anarchists in Rostov

On 17th April in Rostov-on-the-Don at approximately 7.00pm on one of the central streets of city, there was an attack by an unknown group of people (approximately 15-20 young people of 15-20 years) on three members of the Federation of Anarcho-Communists (FAK) - two from Rostov and one from Taganrog - as they were returning home from a meeting. The attackers appeared completely by surprise and started to beat up the three anarchist comrades. In spite of effective resistance, their numerical superiority was too much. The most badly-beaten was comrade "Polpot", who was attacked by 10 people who kicked him as he was on the ground, smashing his face and splitting open his forehead. He also received serious bruising to the head, with concussion and internal lesions. The 2 other anarchists ended up with lighter injuries. Subsequently one of the attackers was identified as a guy who was seen lurking near the anti-fascist demonstration on 4th April. The attack was possibly in retaliation for this demo by some fascist group. Revenge is inevitable!

Nizhny Novgorod, 20th April, antifa actions

On 20th April (Hitlers birthday) came in Nizhny Novgorod to clashes with the nazis. Expecting facist presence in the center of the city, autonomous antifas divided themselves into groups and searched streets and backyards. While 8-strong commando entered area around Prokrovskaya Street they encountered concentration of 20-25 nazis. Concerning unequal numbers antifas retreated, yet nazis followed them,so in front of cinema October fight started. Strong resistance caused that nazis been forced to retreat already after 2 minutes ! On our side nobody had serious injuries,only one comrade got his eyebrow smashed, as it goes for nazis hard to say because all went too fast but we had been later ensured that 2-3 nazis got brain concussion! Antifas are members of Autonomous Action, and street-patrol on 20th April was their first direct antifacist action in Nizhny Novgorod.

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The death in a Moscow hospital last week of an Afghan man, a week after he was beaten into a coma by a group of skinheads, made headlines. But the foreigner's murder was not an isolated occurrence. In March, a 21-year-old Syrian student died in St. Petersburg after being pushed by football fans in front of an oncoming metro train. In February, assailants knifed to death a student from Guinea-Bissau in the city of Voronezh. That same month, police blamed skinheads for the murder of a 9-year-old Tajik girl in St. Petersburg as she walked with her father and cousin, who were also injured in the attack. Non-fatal beatings of foreigners in large cities such as Moscow and St. Petersburg are reported almost every week, prompting ambassadors from several African countries to lodge an official appeal with the Russian Foreign Ministry for better protection of their citizens. Are large segments of Russia's population tilting towards aggressive xenophobia as some human rights activists are warning? The author of the latest nationwide survey of attitudes among Russia's youth says no.

Anti-fascist banner drop in Moscow

19th of April, in eve of Hitler's birthday Moscow union of radical artists with support of Autonomous action and Autonomous Action dropped 20x8 meter banner with text "No to fascist laws!", "No to fascist power" over an advertisement in beginning of the Tverskaya street of Moscow, in front of state duma and near Kreml. This way anarchists reminded that it is governement policy and "anti-terrorist operations" which are breeding ground for fascism. Banner stayed in place about 10-15 minutes. Only one participator of action was arrested, but she was soon released. Another one was kicked to head by a pig, but he escaped succesfully.

Aggressive xenophobia it's cause for cautious optimism (!!!)

University's Social Studies in Russia

Russia's St. Petersburg University has just released the results of a nationwide survey of young people aged 16 to 26, gauging their views on extremism and xenophobia. Reports of attacks against foreigners in Russia's major cities have increased in recent months, raising concerns about what some see as a rise in aggressive nationalism. But the author of the St. Petersburg survey says the results actually indicate an overall decrease in extremist views among Russia's young people and are cause for cautious optimism ....

Professor Anatolii Kozlov, of St. Petersburg University's Social Studies

Institute, spoke to RFE/RL about the results of the brand-new study, whose results are based on interviews with 1,500 Russians aged 16 to 26 in small towns and large cities across the Russian Federation.

Kozlov says this group represents a new generation of Russians, who came of age in the tumultuous post-Soviet era, when all the old certainties and previous set of values essentially vanished, forcing them to adopt a new outlook. Young people, says Kozlov, are therefore a good mirror of the current state of Russian society. And he tells RFE/RL that despite obvious flaws, this mirror reflects well on the progress Russia has made.

Racism and ethnic Russian chauvinism definitely exist, especially in Russia's large urban areas. But Kozlov says this must be seen in the context of the enormous change that cities like Moscow and St. Petersburg have undergone in the past decade. And it is a change to which young people are adjusting.

"We talk about nationalism. In the big cities, it is a problem, because they have turned into ethnic melting pots," he says. "There has been a very high inward migration. Remember that at the end of the 1980s St. Petersburg (then Leningrad) was 91 or 92 percent ethnic Russian and today about 22 or 23 percent of the population is made up of migrants who have arrived in the past decade. So what do you think? Of course it's a shock. Of course it leads to a certain confrontation. But I don't think it's so terrible. People are getting used to each other. They are not battling each other. [The newcomers] are settling into niches -- empty niches."

Twenty-nine percent of those interviewed by Kozlov's team identified themselves as "more or less nationalist." When pressed further to define what nationalism meant, they cited cultural pride, pride in their history, traditions, and literature. Two-thirds of those questioned said they felt no nationalist sentiments and only 6 percent of those surveyed said they could imagine themselves joining an extremist group.

Kozlov says what appears to be an upsurge in violence against foreigners and non-ethnic Russians reflects the violent tactics of an increasingly isolated minority, which has found it impossible to adjust to new economic realities. "I'll make a paradoxical statement - that these incidents, as strange as it may appear, are actually a result of the improving situation. They do not reflect the attitude of the absolute majority of young people," he says. "Anti-extremist attitudes are actually growing among the majority. And these groups are acting out of a feeling of isolation. They are becoming isolated, they feel they are losing support and they are expressing themselves [in this way]."

Most young Russians may have no intention of attacking foreigners or causing violence, but what allows extremists to get away with their behavior is the often passive attitude of potential witnesses.

Kozlov asked respondents what they would do if they were to meet a known terrorist and if they had the opportunity to alert the police. Only 26 percent of those surveyed said they would call the police. The same, presumably, would hold true for someone witnessing the beating of a foreigner by a group of skinheads.

But Kozlov says that just five years ago, the number of those who said they would contact the police was a mere 7 percent. So progress is being made. Again, he says Russians' "passive attitude" must be viewed in the context of a corrupt police force and a reluctance to be seen as an informant.

"Haven't our so-called 'democratic forces,' for decades, been promoting the idea that if you call someone, if you report something, you are a stooge, a shameful informant? This can't but impress itself on people's psyches," he says. "In Russia, we have a very specific attitude to such calls. You have to take into account our difficult history. So that's why we have such [low] numbers. But I think that as time goes by, there will be more calls."

Aleksandr Petrov, of the Moscow chapter of Human Rights Watch, faults the authorities themselves, especially at the regional level for doing little to defend the rights of ethnic minorities within Russia. "The state, at least officially, advertises its opposition to extremism but unfortunately, in practice, the work of state bodies especially on the local level in the regions conveys the opposite message," he says. "There are many cases, if not of the local authorities directly targeting ethnic minorities, then at least of them turning a blind eye to [extremist violence] against minorities."

The war in Chechnya and the scores of terrorist bombings blamed on Chechen militants have had a profound influence on public attitudes across Russia. A majority of those surveyed expressed xenophobic attitudes against Chechens and this is something that is not likely to subside soon, says Kozlov.

"On the whole, I would say that the level of negative attitudes towards Chechens - - as offensive as this may be to [Chechen President] Akhmad Kadyrov, who has protested this -- is very high," he says. "The numbers hover around 70 percent. But this does not mean people harbor aggressive feelings. Their attitude is just negative and this is reflected in answers to a whole series of questions, such as: 'Would you want your son or daughter to marry someone from the following ethnic group?' We list a whole set of ethnic groups and when we come to Chechens, 68 percent of respondents answer negatively. According to the latest numbers from the VTsIOM [sociological institute], which asked people whom they would prefer to have as a work colleague, the negative attitude towards Chechens was reflected once again."

To sum up, racism - especially directed against ethnic Chechens - continues to be all too common in Russia, as does passivity on the part of those who are witnesses to violence. But aggressive xenophobia, according to Kozlov and his team, has become a marginal phenomenon and extremist ideologies have lost their sway among the overwhelming majority of young people. All in all, says Kozlov, it's cause for cautious optimism ...

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Preface

Welcome to second English bulletin of the Moscow Anarchist Black Cross group. This time our bulletin deals mostly with issues of anti-fascist defense, most important of which is case of Minsk anti-fascist 7.

Fascism is as much alive in the streets of former Soviet Union as ever. During last 3 months only we have seen a 9 year old Tadjik girl murdered in Sankt-Petersburg, immigrant children set on fire in Kostroma, pogroms in Volgograd and a Chinese street vendor murdered in Vladivostok. A student from Guinea-Bissau was murdered in Voronezh, killers said "they were bored". Abdul Vosie from Afganistan died 31st of March in Moscow, having spent 8 days in coma after a fascist attack. Alem Assef from Ethiopia, assaulted in Moscow 18th of April is not dead yet - without our support, he may be the next entry in the list which is already too long although anything but complete. Anti-fascists in Moscow heard about fascist plans to make a major pogrom in a marketplace 20th of April by a pure coincidence, due to leak of information fascist plans never got realized.

Expect no help from the state. Belarussian state, which wants to lock up Minsk anti-fascists, interrupted signal of Russian NTV channel 21st of March during a program about radical anti-fascist youth organizing. They do not even want their people to know that we exist! In this context, one does not need to explain why those very few who challenge fascist menace in the streets of former Soviet Union deserve any support we may give.

Support Minsk anti-fascist 7!

During last month already 7 militants of Anti-Fascist Action of Minsk have been accused of "malicious hooliganism" with 4 different cases, this is a felony charge which carries several years of prison. Beaten up local fascists claim that they have been mugged, this way otherwise minor charges have become felonies. One person has been on remand since around 10th of April, he just "disappeared" and relatives and friends learned only days later about the arrest after putting pressure on police which first claimed to know nothing about his whereabouts. Local militants are pretty certain that this operation to crack down anti-fascism has been organized by nazi contacts among ranks of police. And it is little doubt on whose side sympathies of the status quo are in general. When a foreign student in Gomel was recently forced to kill a nazi who assaulted him, tabloids were crying about "tragic death" of a "patriotic young fellow" from "a criminal hand of an alien", whereas they keep are silent about fascist violence.

Court against 7 is expected to take place in May - it is very important to send faxes and make phone calls during days in prior to court! This time your appeals will not be read by the usual self-righteous, ignorant and arrogant social democrat or right-wing liberal scum. Belarussia is maybe the most authoritarian regime in Europe, lead by a mentally deranged individual with an iron hand. These people know that payday is likely come in their very own lifetime, so they are much more sensitive to any pressure from abroad that you may ever imagine!

If you want to help with informational campaign, contact both anti-fascists from Minsk, *restless81@mail.com*, and Anarchist Black Cross of Moscow!

Izhevsk anti-fascists still need help!

Oleg Serebrennikov was another one of the two anarchists brutally beaten up by fascists 23rd of February in Izhevsk of Udmurtian Republic. His crime - picketing against war in Chechnya in 60th anniversary of deportation of Chechnyans and Ingushetians. Booted and beaten to head with a steel weapon, he was happy to stay alive but is still suffering from serious health consequences and has been hospitalized two times after the assault. Further medical aid is only possible with money.

Since becoming active during Votkinsk campaign of 2001, Oleg has never spared his efforts in anarchist movement, and it would be a disgrace for us is he was disabled rest of his life just because we could not provide him medical help when it was most necessary. Cheapest reasonable hospital place and medicament costs 100 roubles a day, that means around 80 euros a month. We have already been able to raise almost 200 euros for Oleg, but this has been spent to what he already owns for medicament. His own family is very poor.

Moscow hospital bill fundraiser

18th of April Alem, Ethiopian worker of Moscow skateboard store "Prodvizhenie" was assaulted in metro by fascists. He is still in coma and in a serious condition. Getting transferred to another hospital might be a matter of life and death to him, but it would cost his family about 3000 euros/month, something they just may not afford. Alem is not an anti-fascist activist, but at times just walking around in the streets of Moscow being an African person may be considered as radical anti-racist direct action. If you are interested to support Alem with any amount of money, contact us as soon as possible!

New ABC contact in Ufa

Now there is also a Black Cross contact in Ufa of Bashkirian Republic - hardly a group, since only one person in local Autonomous Action is more committed to Black Cross work. They have a nice Black Cross webpage at http://ufa-anarh.narod.ru/abc/index.html

Bashkirian republic is a sort of a "police state inside police state", where Putin has gained loyality of local elite by turning a blind eye to election rigging and other such dirty politics.

Post address of Olga Nevskaya

Olga Nevskaya, co-defendant on NRA case was recently transferred to a colony to do rest of her 6 year sentence. She had to pass her 2 year old children to her husband, because in colony they are only allowed to spend 2 hours every day with children. Olga only speaks Russian, if you do not you may send photographs or postcards.

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Aleksei Cherepanov arrested again

Monday 24th of May Aleksei Cherepanov was ordered to an interrogation to Gosnarkokontrol (Recently formed Russian ATF equivalent), after which he was immediately arrested - this time he was not transferred to normal jail but to FSB (x-KGB) prison for prisoners on remand in Krasnodar.

During short 3 days after his previous arrest (12th-21th of May), Aleksei was able to tell some details regarding to his persecution. Originally 12th of May he was planted only one gram of grass, but since he refused to sign any documents, his previous 9 days of arrest was eventually given for "pissing in the street" and "cursing police". This provocation, made possible by obviously made-up order to appear by military call-up center, was well timed - in the very day of 12th May new governement order, according to which posessing up to 20 grams of marihuana will not be punishable, came to force.

In monday, Gosnarkokontrol eventually came up admitting burglary in Aleksei's house. Gosnarkokontrol claims to have found 24 grams of grass and 2 grams of heroine in Aleksei's home during illegal search in Wednesday 19th of May, during Aleksei's previous arrest. This is pretext for opening criminal case against Aleksei, which in the beginning allows him to be arrested another 9 days, and more in case court orders so - which is quite likely to happen.

During search Gosnarkokontrol officials stole 600 roubles and at least 15 issues of Avtonom-journal. Gosnarkokontrol may be able to legalize this search due to Russian legal loophole, which allows "trespassing to a house of suspected" without search permission, in case no search is to be made there. It may be that Krasnodar courts will care little about the fact that cops broke the door and turned the house upside down during this "minor chekkup".

Currently all Gosnarkokontrol suspects are held in FSB remand prison since jails in Krasnodar are full packed, so formally FSB may still wash its hands from Aleksei's case. In practice FSB connection became clear during the very first day of Aleksei's arrest, when he heard Gosnarkokontrol officials chatting in the corridoor during his interrogation "..and KGB is up for this debile". Aleksei's wife was summoned to interrogation more early on Monday 24th, and she, as well as Aleksei, was asked questions related to their political activity. Having Aleksei in FSB jail will be very convenient for those who ordered his persecution in the first place.

One may only make a conclusion, that Krasnodar FSB has figured out that recent landslide electionary victory of a former KGB agent means that "good old days" are back. Attempt to destroy anarchist movement of Krasnodar, which has never been much more than a source of minor irritation to them, with an iron hand will unlikely be their last move to pay back for humiliations of the last 13 years.

In contrary to information distributed in last Moscow Anarchist Black Cross English Bulletin (#2), Dimitri Ryabinin has not yet been released - eventually after his holiday in beginning of May he was ordered to go back to low-security prison in which he is doing his sentence. We are sorry for distributing good news too soon. Previously during this month Ryabinin has been allowed to visit home during each weekend, but during last week-end his holiday was surprisingly cancelled - he also learned that FSB had planted a stool pigeon to his cell, who was hired to gather intelligence on him. Aleksei Cherepanov suspects that his persecution might be connected to some further FSB plans against Ryabinin, with whom he was involved in publication of the anarchist quarterly Avtonom, until its publication had to be moved to Moscow last summer due to difficulties in Krasnodar which eventually lead Ryabinin to be jailed last January for 6 months.

Needless to say, anarchists in Russia will not turn another cheek in front of these provocations. Next Friday (28th of May) Moscow anarchists will organise a non-legalised action against Gosnarkokontrol (now renamed by us as Gosnarkokartel) and FSB, we have invited anarchists of other cities to join actions. Already now case of Cherepanov has caused outrage in Russian anarchist community, and Russian Indymedia have also made case a feature. Anarchists in many countries have supported us, Krasnodar police station and Gosnarkokontrol offices have received perhaps more concerned phone calls than ever during their history, from all around the world. However in current political situation of Russia no victories will come easily, and we need all further support you may give. In struggle, *A/ABC-Moscow/Personal capacity*

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About Aleksei

Aleksei Cherepanov, born 1979, finished journalist faculty of K.V. Rossinsky institute of Krasnodar in January of 2004. He has written for dailies and journals Chelovek truda (of Kuban official trade unions), Otkrytiy mir, Nasha Kuban, MK na Kubany and other regional papers. In some of his articles he was attacking persecution of illegal immigrants in Krasnodar area. In 1998 Aleksei was chair of local section of Anti-fascist Youth Action (AMD) in the city of Primorsko-Axtarsk of Krasnodar area, back then he initiated a campaign against activities of fascist RNE (Russian National Unity) party in his city. Since 1999 Aleksei has participated to activities of anarchist movement, and currently he is a member of Autonomous Action. He helped with publication of journal Avtonom and participated to organisation of many actions and campaigns.

History of the case

In morning of 12th of May journalist Aleksei Cherepanov was arrested on his way to military call-up center by officers of Gosnarkokontrol. 5.30 PM the same day he called to his friend in work, and said "I am arrested, they found drugs on me". During short conversation it become clear, that he was arrested for 9 days. Friends and relatives of Aleksei say that he never used drugs and could not have any with him.

Administration of Internal Affairs (UVD) of central administrative area of Krasnodar explain reason of arrest as "refusal to obey legal orders of officers of Gosnarkokontrol" (paragraph 19.3 of administrative codex). We failed to find out what were these "legal orders" of Gosnarkokontrol officers, and how exactly Aleksei "failed" to obey them. 15th of May Aleksei's wife Oksana Muzykina received two letters, which were illegally passed to her from jail. Aleksei Cherepanov writes, that "FSB (ex-KGB) sticked to the case", and they have no intentions to release him after 9 days of arrest. He wrote that drugs have been planted om him, and they are threating with a criminal prosecution. He asked to find a lawyer, since he was certain that he was in a serious trouble. Currently Aleksei is held in special jail of Administration of Internal Affairs of central administrative area of Krasnodar.

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Gathering of anarchist groups and individuals from ex-Yugoslavia

ON 2ND AND 3RD JULY ANARCHIST GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS WILL MEET IN ZELENKOVAC, SMALL ECO VILLAGE IN FOREST, NEAR VILLAGE PODRASNICA,3 KMs FROM MRKONJIC GRAD AND 55 KMs FROM BANJA LUKA, BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA. AIM OF MEETING IS MAKING CLOSER CONNECTIONS BETWEEN VARIUOS ANARCHIST GROUPS FROM EX YUGOSLAVIA AND PLANING FUTURE ACTIONS. SAME MEETING HAS HAPPENED FEW YEARS AGO ON THE SAME PLACE. @GROUPS FROM USA, FRANCE, BOSNIA AND CROATIA WILL ORGANISE BENEFIT EVENTS TO HELP THIS MEETING. PLEASE IF YOU CAN ALSO HELP BY ORGANISING BENEFITS CONTACT US AT:

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Epicenter Infoshop in St.Petersburg

Epicenter infoshop has opened in North St. Petersburg in October 2003. It distributes information that is related to anarchist, antifascist, feminist, antimilitary, environmentalist and other social movements. Epicenter collective distributes newspapers, magazines (mostly in Russian, but also in English), books, pamphlets, patches, t-shirts, music and videos in different formats. Materials with nationalist, racist, sexist, homophobic content are not distributed. Epicenter works one day a week - Wednesday from 12 am till at least 6 pm. Some events - such as meetings and film showings - can happen somewhat later in the day too. The infoshop is run by a self-organized collective with consensus decision-making. People involved in the collective are involved in anarchist, radical environmentalist, antimilitary movements and in political punk scene. The room is provided by feminist NGO Petersburg Center For Gender Issues (PCGI -www.pcgi.ru). PCGI has a library of feminist / women's literature that can be accessed by infoshop visitors. We are also starting to collect our own archive /library, mainly of printed matter in Russian and English, plus videos. If you want your publications and other stuff to be available through Epicenter please get in touch or send a sample copy that would be stored in our library. Donations of any sort will be greatly appreciated. Epicenter collective

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AK KRAAK meets Eastern Europe

Anarchist video-collective AK KRAAK from Berlin presents its documentaries related to East-European topics.

"Bordernline - SouthEast Europe" (english, 59 min, 2004) Roadmovie about EU, border problematics, and social-political situation in various EE countries.

"Perspectives beyond the borders" (german/english, 20 min, 2002) About the anti-border camp in Wyzajny 2002 and the reality of local community.

"Brussels - will not be our capital" (english/german, 30 min, 2002) About squatting, libertarian and anarchist activities of groups and persons in Wroclaw and other polish cities

Preview: documentary about the EEF-Summit in Warsaw April/May 2004 (to be ready soon ...).

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We are also interested in exchanging video-material, especialy with anarchist video-activists from Eastern Europe.

Call for an international radical ecological protest camp in Perm, Russia

Year 2001 saw a clash between Russian military-industrial complex and their American friends from Lockheed Martin in another side, and local inhabitants and radical ecologists from Rainbow Keepers in another side, which took place in the city of Votkinsk of Udmurtian Republic. Back then big money lost their cause, but having licked their wounds last 3 years they seem to be ready for another round, this time in the city of Perm, Ural.

BACKGROUND OF THE PROBLEM

In accordance with international disarmament treaties, Russia has to build certain amount of factories for utilisation of old missile engines and their fuel, in practice this is done with American technology and money. Not that we have anything against disarmament, but this must be done taking into account health and welfare of local people, which currently seem to have no any value whatsoever to military-industrial complex - in Votkinsk, rocket engine and fuel processing plant was planned to be built 8 kilometres from a city with 100 000 inhabitants, this time, according to plans, a similar extremely dangerous object is planned to be located right into 100 000 inhabitant suburb of a city with more than one million inhabitants! Officially, no-one admits that project in Perm will replace Votkinsk project, which is currently freezed. In practice, rockets planned to be dismantled in Perm are the same which were planned to be dismantled in Votkinsk. Actually this is already 3rd round of the fight, Votkinsk factory was originally planned to be located to Perm, but in late nineties these plans had to be cancelled due to local protests! Yet it is also not completely clear which American companies are involved this time, Lockheed Martin claimed that they have withdrawn 2001 already. Congressman Richard Lugar visited Perm last autumn, and at least Washington Group International Ltd. has office in Perm and is closely involved with project. FGUP Perm Factory Mashinostroitel has been given a license to be leading company in Russia in field of utilisation of Solid Fuel Rockets (SFR's). They plan to build a site inside factory of S.M. Kirov, which currently both builds and tests engines of strategic missiles. Mashinostroitel decided to fulfil its task with means of anti-ecological direct action, considering necessary permissions and expertise as a waste of time. An unofficial ecological expertise by NGO's was done to only one of the 7 objects which are included to project, a corpus for heat neutralising of solid waste was examined. Experts from Perm and all over Russia considered this object extremely dangerous and appealed against its construction - however, construction is still going on. Company claims construction has been halted, but local people have reported that everything is following schedule.

Utilisation process of solid rocket fuel happens in temperature of 3500 degrees of Celsius, according to Russian and American specialists poisonous dioxins will form in cooling stream of gas during the process.Even smallest doses of dioxins are poisonous, they easily accumulate in food chain, hurt embryos and cause cancer. They are chemically stable, and stay lethally dangerous during several decades. Technology for safe utilisation of old rocked engines using solid fuels just does not exist. Complex for utilisation of solid rocket fuels endangers life and health of inhabitants Perm, especially of those living in Kirov area, where factory is planned to be built.

ROCK ON!

Goal of the protest camp is a total revoke of criminal program to utilise rocket engines and their fuel in Perm. We will not accept turning Perm into a dioxin waste dump! Protest camp will be launched in beginning of July, and will last until decisive victory, or at least until beginning of the September. Camp program will include contacting local inhabitants, demonstrations and creative forms of protest. Currently initiative group of camp consists of Perm section of Union for Chemical Safety, Anarcho-Ecological Resistance (from Perm), Yekaterinburg Movement Against Violence and several members of Autonomous Action from Moscow and Perm. You are most welcome to join camp preparations or to organise support actions - if your group wants to join the initiative group, contact us. In case you plan to come, take cutlery, sleeping bag, own tent (if you have one) and lots of fighting spirit with you!

http://www.util.pc.cz/index.php

Do you want to be a volunteer in Belarus?

Do you want to work for the political-cultural-media project

NAVINKI

in Minsk, Belarus?

Get paid travel, housing, insurance, food and a pocket money?

Are you 18- 25 year old?

If yes, we, EYFA (www.eyfa.org) propose you to join the European Voluntary Service. The EYFA EVS project is a great possibility for young people* (18-25) to go to the foreign country for 6-12 months to work on different project (environmental, cultural, independent media, car-free, green-life, social justice, political art and propaganda etc.)

* Only citizens of listed below countries can take part in the EYFa's EVS projects: Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway,Portugal, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom.

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EVS in Belarus
Starts: July 2004-July 2005
Organization: Navinki media and cultural center
Web-site: www.navinki.net
Number of volunteers: 2

"*Navinki*" in Belarus is working on providing independent information in such issues as political situation in Belarus and worldwide, racism, xenophobia, homophobia and discrimination, state of environment, alternative culture, human rights and making public awareness about listed above issues through the cultural actions. Navinki started from the newspaper "Navinki", which was founded in February 1998. From that moment, the edition has grown from the DIY-format up to an officially registered newspaper for the masses. The newspaper aspires to express the position of alternative youth generation in modern Belarus, generation which is socially, politically and culturally active. It unites antifascists, ecologist, independent-culture and other youth movements, who choose the way to open-democracy and free-speech society. "Navinki" is a very unique and one of the most interesting media project of the all former Soviet Union space.

The office of "Navinki" is situated in Minsk, the capital of Belarus. Within the time of their existence, the "Navinki" became not only a very special alternative newspaper, but it resembles now rather to an alternative cultural youth center. There are some other youth projects working on the base of "Navinki" like an experimental theater, library and antifascist center. It's also planned to create a radio channel and an independent filmmaking studio.

"Navinki" projects are very special for Belarussian context and they attract the youth, which is looking for non-formal grassroots activities. "Navinki" give in this sense a lot of possibilities for young people to express themselves and initiate new projects. "Navinki" has an office for media projects but does not have permanent place like a cultural center for other activities. One of the future plans is to get legal space for the activities where it will be possible to organise concerts, show films, have debates and meetings.

Navinki unites several media projects: "Navinki" newspaper, "Antyfashyk Magazine" http://antifasik.narod.ru/ (since 1998), Independent trade-unions newspaper "AKM - 42" and some others temporal issues. Members of "Navinki" are mostly young people in the age 18-30 years old. A lot of activities like writing the articles, organising events are carried on voluntary basis.

For Navinki is will be first time to host foreign volunteers. The main aim in hosting the foreign volunteers is to provide a cultural interexchange between young people from other countries and Belarussian youth, the volunteers of "Navinki" and the staff. For them the communication with European young people would be very inspiring and educative. The project, which focuses both on local and global issues, provides a platform for an exchange of cultural perspectives and methodologies with regard to the various themes and ideas that each issue is focusing on. The two volunteers will be busy with Navinki cultural and media projects.

Navinki media and cultural center is busy with the creating the web spaces for the independent youth media in Belarus. Only one from the projects - the "Antyfashyk Magazine" - is published on Internet (http://antifasik.narod.ru), but only Russian-language version. The most important task of the volunteer will be to work on the creation and maintenance of the Navinki website, assisted by "Navinki" staff. The volunteer will be working on the editing the English version of the web-page projects of Navinki, creating and maintaining the web-sites for Navinki media projects. The volunteer will search the information on international web-sites, Indymedia and others, collect the useful information and put in on the Navinki web-site. The volunteer can write articles himself (on English) for the English version of the web-site (it will be translated to Russian and Belarussian). For the newspaper "Navinki" the volunteer will be helping with layout, information research in international resources and destribution. The volunteer will be involved in networking with other groups and individuals who can contribute to issue. On the stage of layout and design the volunteer can develop ideas for artwork and images. The work will be very varied and there is a lot of space for the volunteer to develop his personal preferences and interests. The volunteer can apply his ideas to the content of the newspaper. The most of the volunteer's time will be spent on preparing English version of internet edition of Navinki newspaper, working in a team with 4-5 Belarussian young people. Also communication and networking will be among the tasks on volunteer: keeping in touch with Navinki readers from abroad, answering questions and providing information on Navinki's activities; researching and contacting local and international groups and individuals that might be interested in the Navinki's gatherings and inviting them to participate; sorting out application forms.

Cultural project

Navinki besides of publishing are also involved in cultural projects, which are connected to their ideas and activities. The volunteer will take part in organising cultural-social events, such as concerts, festivals, performances, films shows, info-sessions, debates, meetings etc. Last years Navinki became more and more busy with the international cultural projects. The volunteer will be working in the team with Belarussian young people. The tasks of volunteers will be not just to work in the office with daily routine, but take active part in the activities. The volunteers will work in the team with Belarussians who speak English. However it will be very useful for volunteer have basic knowledge of Russian or Belarusian and to be willing to improve it. Part of the volunteers' time will be spent on the ongoing projects of Navinki (including those connected with the preparation for filmmaking in co-operation with Indyvideo Network, that is to take place in June-July' 2004), networking and establishing and maintaining contacts with other Belarusian and European antifascist, environmental and social groups.

Other tasks will include:

- Programme making: researching and contacting local, national and international experts and potential participants and inviting them to give workshops according to the theme of the gathering; coordinating the basic frame of the programme;
- Finance and fundraising: site budget creation and reporting; applications writing; organising benefit parties;
- The annual music festival "Destroy the fascist reptile": participation in drawing up a major plan of the festival; working with the team (agreeing the menu on the basis of the event);
- The participation in a film direction in co-operation with Indyvideo Network and SKCF' volunteers.
- Taking part in the organising of the International conference "NO CULTURE WITHOUT SUB-CULTURE" in Minsk on 15-21 November.

The volunteers should:
· have organisational challenge (in this respect we regard enthusiasm more important than experience);
· be sociable and willing to work in a team;
· have good interpersonal and communication skills in order to maintain contacts with potential participants, local residents and local authorities;
· have computer skills in order to moderate mailing lists and forums, update information on the web-page;
· have basic knowledge of Russian or Belarussian language and willing to learn further;
· share the ideas of "Navinki" collective about political and social issues.

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People joined official actions but rather to drink beer than to celebrate

The biggest event of last two months is undoubtedly the enlargement of the EU. Of course, the state carefully prepared bombastic "celebrations" of this senseless act. Media played the game: radio stations run special broadcasting about how Czech people celebrate their comeback to Europe etc. In every single bigger town something took place in main square, usually music and fire-works. It was just so clear that these "celebrations" are not something spontaneous, but well prepared propagandistic event, that it is unbelievable journalists dare to say this. But it happened. At least according to what I hear from my co-workers, from people in trains etc. nobody was enthusiastic enough to go celebrate such event... As the last day April is a day of traditional celebrations in country, people joined official actions, but rather to see their pop stars and drink beer than to celebrate.

In addition to this, police decided to use the event and for a week before Mayday had cried about the preparations of violent clashes. Anarchists planned to spoil that wonderful day with street violence that people haven't seen for five years... Of course this was complete bullshit, as in fact this year was planned as one of the most uncontroversial event ever. Anyway, police followed their words and in Mayday itself streets were full of them. Honestly, I haven't seen such a strong police present since IMF meeting in 2000. Military style tank, water canons, dozens of armed vehicles following the march (and for of them clashed together at the back of march :-)), hundreds of policeman along the march so bystanders couldn't even read the banners. Any kind of interaction with people was in fact banned by this maneuver, but it was probably the aim. Police don't beat shit out of people in EU...

The last hot event in Czech is football riots by fans of Banik Ostrava, football club from the first division who recently won the league. During the last few march there were clashes with police and some property destroyed. I really don't want to defend those people, but media did what they know the best: sensational reports about "unbelievable amount of violence" met their purposes and police step in. The public is in panic and calls for blood, so I guess police repression against football fans would rise. Anyway, the situation among the Czech football fans is not good. Generally, the whole hooligan subculture is right-wing and racist. Some clubs have pure nazi core, some "only" nazi bands among hooligans. There is just one exception, the Prague club "Bohemians." The word goes around that it has antifa fans; the true is it rather doesn't have nazi fans, at least majority of them. Some clubs works as a true base for nazis, for example "Sparta" Prague.

But back to our movement. It seems that the state of lethargy is slowly reaching its end. Recently, the group of people formed to start the project of alternative anti-authoritarian newspaper for general public. This months a (hopefully) massive static street party called "protest fest" is taking place in a town of Brno. Although its organizers are more or less connected with anarchist movement, they are not necessary anarchists so the action couldn't be describe as action of our movement. Also, AFA is preparing its traditional summer camp and The Anarcho-feminist Alliance is preparing another one, suitable even for people with children and with theme of parenting and education.

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Paradoxically, authorities are only afraid of you suing them for breaking their own laws

25th of March 19 year old German Galdetsky was shot several times in Yaroslav train station of Moscow, he was done several operations in hospital, and is currently in a serious condition. German Galdetsky was investigating series of rapes of teenagers committed by police force of Moscow metro. In a widespread scheme, police detained teenagers with pretext of checking documents, and after last metro had passed gave a choice - either girl should follow few cops to a private house, or be gang-raped by whole police station.

Galdetsky is a self-taught activist, not member of any organisations. However he is in a cooperation with nelegal.ru website defending rights of Moscovites without residence permission, since most of the victims were for sure those without a residence permission. No-one of us knows Galdetsky personally, and I only learned about the history through internet. 3 years ago when we began doing some noborder things in Moscow we tried unsuccesfully to contact nelegal.ru website activists - they did not replied. Now they however are working with us on workers right issues in cooperation with antijob.nm.ru website. It is not only example how such a paranoia has been a big hindrance to our work here, but in another hand there are good reasons for it and it might be the only reason why people such as collective of the nelegal.ru site are still alive in the first place.

German Galdetsky reminds me of an old dilemma of anarchists staying alive in Russia. You see, human right activists and journalists get harrassed in a daily bases and shot every other month, ecologists also get killed once in a year or two (some may remember case of Samara "eco-guerilla" of some 50+ year old ecologists bombing poachers, one of the persons involved also died later on in "suspicious circumstances"). However I do not remember a single anarchist getting murdered since Kuznetsov '94, and these cases are very rare, only other case from recent years I remember is this one guy from Novocherkassk about 15 years ago. Actually I would state that being an anarchist in Russia is at least as safe as in any other country. I no means want more anarchist corpses, in fact I do not think we may afford one, but amount of lead you attract is for sure a measure how much you get to nerves of authorities. Paradoxically, authorities are not at all afraid of you organising grassroot peoples' movements (since they know all too well that most likely your efforts lead to nowhere), they are only afraid of you suing them for breaking their own laws. So should we all become human rights activists, in sense of Russian word "pravozaschitnik", which means literally "defender of rights"? Some anarchists have done such a conclusion, for example anarchists of Kazon work almost exclusively in this field. But what in the hell we would gain in the long run, if a number of corrupt bureaucrats and sadist cops were locked up? A state following its own constitution? THAT would be demanding impossible!

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Reclaiming the enthusiasm or learning from SOLIDARNOSC

Strikes, occupations of factories, street actions, clashes with police, talks about self-managment, regional and interregional conferences, ... All of these describe activities of Polish workers nowadays. No wonder that some people, especially from abroad, start to see analogies to the times of the SOLIDARNOSC movement boom in 1980. Is it a big abuse to do so? Not necessarily if one is conscious of the crucial differences.

The disillusionment of Polish society and above all of Polish workers, with introduction of the so called "free market", with unapologetic privatisation and generally with all of that what brought to their lives capitalism, is probably on the same level, if not higher, as desillusionment with the "socialism" 20 years ago. Accompanied to this, the frustration and anger of people is definitly even stronger now than it was then. No jobs, no social protection, no alternative perspectives ... sorry, there is a perspective - it's going to be even worse! All of this is creating very easy to smell consensus of mistrust to all sort of polititions and political factions. This in turn creates necesserity to take one's lives into one's own hands, in other words - to self-organize. As a result: the formation of strike committees, attempts at self-management, solidarity actions with protests in other plants/places and first efforts to network all of these little and big

struggels into one. Exactly in this stadium find themselves today the "Polish protest communities". And yes, so far everything seems to remind one of the period from 1970-80: from disillusionment and frustration, through anger, protest and the need of self-initiative, to the grassroots democratic forms of organisation. Yet, there are some crucial differences which have unfortunately made everything more difficult than they were 20 years ago. That's why the phenomenon of building a movement of a few thousand into a movement of 10 million people in less than one year does not seem to be easy to repeat today.

First of all, 20 years ago people had one very clear common goal - to overthrow the system. It was a system which was easy to recognize and therefore easy to attack. Only the possibility of overthrowing the system was evoking in people abnormal mobilisation. Today's system of exploitation is much more refined and very virtual even if its effects on peoples lives are clearly embodied. There is not one party or one government to accuse. For most people the enemy is hard to pinpoint, making the situation very confusing and causing a difficulty in bringing people to a common struggle.

Another basic difference is that "communist" leaders had an authentic fear of Solidarnosc. That is mainly because this movement derived from the part of society on which exactly the system claimed to be based on. This fear somehow paralised the system. Such a weakned system was easier to shut down by the movement, which had a support from abroad and was growing up under the umbrella of the church. Today all of these factors - fear of the proletariat, support from abroad and church protection - are meaningless or not existing. Capitalism doesn't care about some local workers protest as it has all the necessary tools in its hands to bring them down and is not so much depended on workers support anyway. Church is baking its nationalist cake, making society even more disorientated. The foreign public opinion (foreign movements) basicaly doesn't care about social disaster in Poland because they have "thier own" crises and still, similar to the Polish society, have not seen the necessity of taking a global struggle as the only solution for everyone.

But one of the most specific differences between todays "protest movement" and Solidarnosc seems to be lack of enthusiasm among people. Enthusiasm accompanied Solidarnosc at every step, helped to determine its strength, and was probably the key to its success (if we take as a success overthrowing of the regime). But how can be created such an enthusiasm in the new fight today when this new goal, a new alternative, is not clear for the people? Is a tiny anarchist/alterglobalist "movement" in Poland able to spread this enthusiasm among society? Are our alternatives/goals clear enough that people can say: "Hey, for that I am ready to take on a struggle"? But from the other side: The great Solidarnosc ... did those 10 million people really know what they were fighting for, or did they just focus on ending their current opression?

The times have changed a lot so all similarities and differences are very questionable. What is not changing is the fact that Solidarnosc remains as a rich source of inspirations, for example in such a matter as breaking the propaganda monopoly of the power by use of very limited resources, using solidarity as a main weapon in struggle, or reaching a strong self-reliance while very well coordination within the movement.

Veronica (AbolishingBB)

Gang structure - a tool for sensless violence and usuful model of self-defence in capitalist reality

Few months ago i read an results of questionnaire, which was made among school kids in Poland with simple question "who you would like to be when you'll grow up?" If girls answers seemed rather standard (actress, nurse, etc.) every 6th boy claimed that he wants to be "member of organized criminal group". ORGANIZED AND CRIMINAL Concerning realities it seems very logical: being"criminal" at least you have chances for some profit & dignified life and getting in trouble with the cops or getting killed by them can happen anyway, if you "did anything" or not. To be organized strenghtens also the chances for survival and in the worst case at least there will be somebody to avange you. In Poland there is very specific culture of violence, at least among proletarian or lower middle class, about rest i don't know. Even among friends, during a party if it's boring somebody starts the fight trashing a battle against somebody elses head. Just "for fun". As growing up at the blokks (huge concrete settlements on the outskirts of the city, in France called "banlieus") all my childhood memories was connected with senseless fights, which when spectacular ,come day later to the newspaper under label "hooliganism". Nobody questioned why "we" was constructed out of most kids at "our"green blocks. date was set up with the brown blocks crew (just across the street) and we went armed with sticks, chains and stones (knives been considered too noble for simple mass conflicts and used rather only at one-to-one affection-jelaeusy, revange, etc.) to trash each others heads and bones. It wasn't very serious, but still every time few landed in hospital, recalling some events i think is just coincidence, that nobody died. Machism: inner hate, that just searches for"expression", stupid honour ... whatever. No sense really exists. Entering my family town by train all could see 5-meters lettered slogan painted on the roofs of laying below garages: "Smierc przyjezdnym!" ("Death to outsiders" - meant is basically everybody , who is not from our city) Ok, it was from football fans, but it is then more understandable? Debilic intelectual sociologists can write their theses about "loosing family values", "lack of perspectives", recently accompanied by "post-communist traumas", and all other reasons that are causing young but also not so young men in Poland to choose violence against each other as free-time most favourite activity. There is something in mentality, there is simply cult and whole culture of senseless violence in Poland. Whatever times, system, season of year i think everyone felt at least few times threatened or beated up without any reason, unless you can consider not having matches when asked for fire or "did you looked at me?! "as legitime reason to bash somebody's face. This violence cannot be artificially estheticised like colourfull fountains of blood splashing the walls "Kill Bill". Movie about primitive violence, about petty mafia guys in fogging suits trashing rival's head with dirty metal pipe and then drinking vodka at next bus stop on outskirts of town somewhere in Poland, never will be Hollywood cinema hit. Because this violence is so real, usual and unpretty.

Mob is created by spirit of the mob and not any ideology. Ideology comes later as an excuse and serves mostly to pick up "victim" to attack. Mostly it is very spontaneous and 'social' activity, yet as history showes countless times it served as hand of reaction (from antisemitic pogroms mostly through 20'-40's till events like homophob attacks in Cracow recently) and in only very rare cases as something at least bit emancipatory (rage against the cops,wild strikes). Generally hate is always there, sometimes it finds outcome by itself, sometime "leader" helps to find it, since fall of communism more or less charismatic politicians got very skillfull in using reactionary mob potentials. But generally last years senseless violence cooled down or rather got replaced by more politicized one, which is often far more dangerous and can have bigger consequences. On other hand capitalism brought also more boredom (more to consume but less passion) and "i don't care for nothing"attitude, that broke down maybe not always libertarian but somehow socially helpful,solidarious values. Before, old thief was respected and protected,when retired or temporarily "careful", now even in the most criminal (so "stucking together") neighbourhoods he can get robbed or beaten by young thugs on speed, which don't care for old criminal codex and probably will also turn out one another when finally busted by cops.

In such a conditions it is obvious, that e.g. antifacist resistence can bring effects only when it scares them. Typical situation: somewhere on the bench few kids drinks singing nazi songs. Coming and bashing their heads you hear usually "Sorry! I didn't know..." And you know that they are not sorry or ashamed of what they sung, they just didn't knew that somebody will get angry at them, that "knife met the stone" ... Certain ideas can maybe leave body only with blood. On the other hand all this is endlessly disgusting patriarchal spiral, that never stops. Yet to go out of this, small conscious steps can bring more than saying "i don't want to dirt my hands with that", "i don't want to be like them", etc. Not many is priviledged enough to ignore the danger of walking the streets.

Practically gang structure is still most usefull model of everyday activity and self-defence in capitalist reality, and also anarchists or antifacists used it as form of organizing successfully through ages. It has its bad sides (peer pressure, collective identity vs. personal choices ...), but i think every of us feels better and is more self-assured when has its friends/comrades behind, in any situations. Doesn't matter what are our "public" political engagements (demonstrations, leaflets, open debates) but to practically confront organized or not, institutionalized or not, enemies effective and "violent" structures are neccessery. Yet only with more or less open (what doesn't mean in any way reformist!) propaganda means we can avoid trap of self-marginalization. Of course in case of heavy criminalization things needs to go tempporaly underground, but to leave public, everyday spaces to all kinds of authoritarian mob and seek self-satisfaction only in clandestinity, in most of the cases is blind-alley. Build the gangs against the mob! Good cops don't break

Mari (AbolishingBB)

Girls from "Rebelgirls", women crisis centre, and organisation "Jana". invite you to take part in the ...

women summer camp!

15-21 July - Belarus

Objects of camp: for us important meet with activists from other countries for experience exchange and possibility of common projects\contacts. And we never had camp with women\feministic\gender tematics. Also energization belarusian women activists.
Living in tent camp, food from camp-fire, natural lavatory. Now we have financional limit. But we promise food in camp and travel from Minsk to camp, but we cann't promise reimbursement of travel cost...
Structure of the camp:
In the evening - cultural program, Cinema/video, Disco, Concert, Theatre, Fire-show, Body-art, football!!
In the morning\day - some seminars, discussions, workshops
Workshops: Home video/ processes of cinema doing; Self-defense for women; Foto art; Embroidery\knitting; Diy stuffs; djing
Seminars, discussions: Situation in Belarus; Women initiatives in Belarus; Woman statement and women initiatives in different countries; Sex minorities, rights, stereotypes, and statement in Belarus, Women and migration; Violence-Feminism Gender; Reasons for gender inequality; Family. The institute of motherhood and fatherhood. Family roles; Woman literature; Woman cinema; Alternative pedagogic; Masculinity
Results:
- you have possibility to have new contacts
- rest from men
- relations with super girls!! from Germany, Belarus, Russia, Latvia and Poland

We are expacting to came:
1. Women's collective of satirical feminist journal 'Wargazm' (Belarus; Minsk)
2. Crisis Centre (Belarus; Minsk)
3. Gender Centre (Russia; St. Petersburg)
4. Internet Radio Project RIXC (Latvia; Riga)
5. Women Lesbian Film Collective (Germany; Berlin)
6. Street Theatre and Acrobatic Group (Germany; Berlin)
7. Pirate Radio
to be continued...

We have mailing list about camp, if it is interesting to take part for you, subscribe too! and we must know as soon as possible will you in camp or no, because we must do some organizational stuff. We hope to see you in camp! we interested in contacts with girls from Poland. You can write on Polish.

Love and anarchy

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Contra la Contra
pioneers of Belarusian anarcha-feminism

Nobody wishes to get inbetween frontlines of muslim fundamentalists and government

Situation in Usbekistan

In ABB 13 and 14 we printed article concerning general situation in Usbekistan. Few last days of March seria of bombings, which killed over 50 people and injured many shook the country. As still we dont have direct contact in Usbekistan, below you can read shortened version of text, that appeared in german leftwing weekly Jungle World written by its correspondent in Tashkent, which gives basic impression about atmosphere in last weeks.

Ulugbek [name changed] drinks vodka like Russians, dances like Michael Jackson and greets so long and flowery as here usual. With that this 23-years old student from Tashkent seem typical usbek youngster. Usbekistan is secular country even if almost all here are muslims. Since last bombings Ulugbek says that he is scared "I was already thinking what could happen if islamists will came to power. It would be horrible. No way I want to be forced to visit mosque every day or that women had to wear veil. We must defend ourselves from that". Yet as much he is also scared that government will strenghten its, anyway very repressive policy. Much more about bombings he dont feel like saying. Even if in last 2-3 years more Usbeks dared, at least in private talks to speak openly about politics, now nobody is keen to do so. Nobody wishes to get inbetween frontlines of muslim fundamentalists and government. In the past state used very hard measures against all islamist organisations. For these reasons recent attacks had been directed mostly against police. Biggest shooting found place at Yalangatch suburb of Tashkent. Local residents say that commando of 20 Wahhabites came in the morning, all wearing black, women in hijab [full-body cover with only eyes visible]. Near local police station they planted and detonated car-bomb. After they retreated into one of blocks. Four women wearing belts with explosives commited suicide, but blast killed only them. Men exchanged shots with police till afternoon, yet they seemed to had calculated own death.

Similar was schema in other cases too. In 4 days 16 cops and 33 militant islamists died, including 4 children which mothers blew themselves up together with. Many of them had family relations with each other. One women blew herself up together with her 6 years old son near police station at Horsu-Basar in Tashkent, other killed herself together with 10years old daughter in village near Bukhara, when police came to arrest her just day after her sister and its husbend died similar way.

President Kadyrov stated that all these attacks needed support from outside, he mentioned Al-Quaida, etc.Yet weapons found by dead islamists make his opinions doubtful,as it was only few ancient Kalashnikovs, handguns, rusted ammunition and DIY explosives made of aluminium powder, chemical fertilizers, plastic bottles and sticky tape-all stuff easy to get in neighbouring Tajikistan or Afghanistan.

The fact that islamists attacked mainly police caused by many some kind of hidden joy, as overpresent, corrupt and omnipotent cops arent here much beloved. Government constructed huge police apparatus, which they cannot afford to finance. Policemen have to get certain quota of arrests to get payed, so they torture detainees till they'll admit to some crimes.

Ulugbek want to get away and study in Europe or USA: "I dont believe anything will change here" he says resigned - surely not after these bombings.

COMMUNITIES IN STRUGGLE

THE NEVER COMPLETE LIST OF ANARCHIST GROUPS, PROJECTS AND COLLECTIVES FROM EASTERN EUROPE.

Armenia

"Proryv" - anarcho-communist group from Yerevan; http://www.ad-em.narod.ru vaga@freenet.am

Belarus

ABC Belarus - Belarus 230023 Grodno p.o.box 217; intolerant@autonom.zzn.com; www.anarchik-tblackcross.by.ru

AFA (Antifascist Action) - Minsk; restless81@mail.com

Anarchist Library - Minsk; antyfa@mail.ru

Anti-McDonald - htpp://belmac.narod.ru; htpp://kompaktor.narod.ru

ANTYFA - antifascist group; antyfa@mail.ru

Autonomous Action / Grodno - Grodno P. O. Box 38 230015 Grodno; Belarus.

Autonomous Action / Minsk - Minsk P. O. Box 34 220030 Minsk; Belarus.

"Ataka" - anarchist newspaper; ataka@tut.by

BAF/ Belarusian Anarchy Front -; baf@list.ru

Belarusian Linux Community - www.linux.hitech.by

"Ecoresist" - anarcho-ecological group; ecoaction@tut.by

FAB / Federation of Belarusian Anarhist -
* Minsk; P.O.Box 33, 220134;
* Novopoloc; nuts-1@rambler.ru

"Free Theatre" - anarchist theatre from city of Brest; ksenia_izberg@mail.ru

KDS "Razam" / Condefedaration of Active Initiatives "Together" - 230005 Belarus; Grodno P.O.Box 237; kds-razam@tut.by; www.razam.by.ru

"Navinki" - satirical anarchist weekly newspaper; Minsk; kampramat@tut.by

"Rebellious girls" - anti-sexist initiative in Minsk; rebelgirls@mail.ru

www.anarchistory.boom.ru - history of anarchy in Belarus

www.375crew.org - d.i.y. political punk \ hardcore culture of Belarus

Bosnia & Herzegowina

Anarchist Collective "Slobodna Krajina" - Banjaluka; ab_useyu@yahoo.co.uk

Bulgaria

"Anarho Sprotiva" (Anarchist Resistance) - newspaper; http://resistance.hit.bg

"Chlyab i svoboda" (Bread and freedom) - newspaper / discussion forum; http://savanne.ch/svoboda; svoboda@bulgaria.com

"Anarchy in BG" - http://change.to/anarchy; anarchy@bulgaria.com

www.stand.at/struggle - anarchist web-site with lot of interesting historical material

Croatia

AFA - anarchist antifa network; www.vjecniotpor.vze.com; antifasista@ml1.net

AnFemA (Anarcho-Feminist-Action) - anfema@zamir.net; www.anfema.tk

"Monte Paradiso" - squat/social centre in Pula; URK Monteparadiso cx Vojarna K.Rojc; Gajeva 5; 52100 Pula; http://squat.net/monteparadiso; monteparadiso@pu.tel.hr

Rijeka anarchist initiative - rai200@net.hr; anarhist_ri@yahoo.com

"Tabula Rasa" - anarchist/libertarian infoshop in Cakovec; adress: Josipa Kozarca BB; post: Infoshop Tabula rasa, p.p. 18, 40315 M. Sredisce, Croatia

Z.A.F. / Zadar Anarchist Front - local anarchist group in the city of Zadar; zadarskianarchisti@yahoo.com; solidarnost.mahost.org

ZAP / Zagrebacki Anarhisticki Pokret - Zagreb's Anarchist Movement; www.geocities.com/CapitolHill/Senate/3707; zap zg@zamir-zg.zm.apc.org

Czechia

ABC-CSAF - c/o P.H., po box 41, 565-01 Choceň. abc@csaf.cz

AFA - anarchist anti-fascists group; po box 81; 100 81 Praha 105; afa_praha@volny.cz

AKA AnarchoCommunist Alternative - AKA-CZ@email.cz; phone number:+420777637863

"A-Kontra" - anarchist magazine and collective. po box 223, 111 21 Praha 1; a-kontra@csaf.cz

Anarchist Group Uherske Hradiste - http://uhas.wz.cz; uhas@email.cz; "Bazar", P.O.Box 24; 686 01 Uh.Hradiste

CSAF / Czechia - (CSAF - Czech-Slovakia Anarchist Federation), po box 223, 111 21 Prague 1.intersec@csaf.cz www.csaf.cz/english

Federací sociálních anarchistu (FSA - IWA) (Federation of Social Anarchists) - PO box 5; 15006 Praha 56; fsa_intersec@anarchismus.org http://fsa.anarchismus.org"

Feminist Alliance of March 8" - @-feminist group; fs8.brezna@centrum.cz

Info-Shop - Socharska 6; Prague.

"MILADA" - squat in Prague; milada.sq@volny.cz

ORA "Solidarity" - organization of revolutionary anarchists; L.K. po box 223; 111 21 Praha 1; http://alarm.solidarita.org; intersec@solidarita.org

"PAPIRNA" - squat in Prague.

PH - international secretariat of CSAF intersec@csaf.cz

Estonia

www.hot.ee/anarhism - Future Anarchist Party of Estonia

Hungaria

"Gondolkodo Barikad" - Logodi utca 51; 1012 Budapest (it is near Metro station "Moszkva ter"); open Monday-Friday 12-18; www.ainfok.mi.hu; socialdisease.uw.hu

www.geocities.com/anarchoinfo

Latvia

PRETSPARS COLLECTIVE - zine, distro, web, actions - http://pretspars.hardcore.lt; pretspars@riseup.net

"ZABADAKS"- DIY political/cultural project, infoshop etc.;Vijolisu 24; Kuldiga ; LV-3300Latvia; www.nekac.lv, mans.steinbergs@kuldiga.lv

Lithuania

active@hardcore.lt - LT activists network

"BENDRADARBIAI" - autnomous culture centre in Siaulia; Vytauto g.103 A, Siaulia; tel. 370 69909049

booking@hardcore.lt - booking in Lithuania

"GREEN" - diy culture club in Vilnius; Maironio 3 (in the yard), Vilnius; booking@hardcore.lt

www.hardcore.lt - Lithuanian diy scene info resource on the net

Macedonia

KOLEKTIV ZA SLOBODARSKA IDEJA - anarchist collectiv in Skopje; kolektiv_za_slobodarska_ideja@hotmail.com; slobodarska@ziplip.com; slobodarska@yahoo.com; slobodarska@hypocrisy.org

Plostad Sloboda (Freedom Square) - anarchist publisher; plostad_sloboda@hotmail.com

Direktna Akcija - directa@freemail.com.mk

Poland

ABC/ACK - www.ack.most.org.pl

ACK Warszawa - po box 30; 02-741 Warszawa 121. biuletyn@ack.w.pl

ACK Poznan - po box 5; 60-966 Poznan 51. sanch@poczta.wp.pl

ACK Bialystok - po box 43; 15-662 Bialystok 26.

ACK Slupsk - po box 65; 76-200 Slupsk 12. bifi@polbox.com

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ACK Trojmiasto - pornierz@friko2.onet.pl

ACK Wroclaw - S.A.K.A. ul. Jagielonczyka 10D; 50-240 Wroclaw. pbn@poprostu.pl

ACK Lublin - Piotr Hiller, ul. Cwiklinskiego 2/30; 20-067 Lublin. cqkier@poczta.onet.pl

ACK Lodz - CIL, Po BOX 203, 90-950, Lodz 1; falodz@poczta.onet.pl

Anarchist Library - ul.Pulaskiego 21a; Poznan.

Anarchist Library - ul Jagielonczyka 10D; Wroclaw.

"A-TAK" - anarchist magazine from Krakow; atak@poprostu (contact); atak.dystrybucja@wp.pl (distro); www.red-rat.w.interia.pl/atak.html

"A-zine" - an anarchist publication in english contains articles of polish anarchist groups. L.Akai, po box 227; 00-987 Warszawa 4. cube@zigzag.pl

"BUNKIER" ("B 48") - underground concert/party space; ul. Wschodnia 48; Torun; dr.ozdzu@interia.pl

"C-4" - alternative culture centre in Lodz (ul.Weglowa 4).

"Czarny Blok" ("Black Bloc") - anarchist publication in polish; po box 43; 15-662 Bialystok 26.

"De Centrum" - anarchist squat in Bialystok, adress: ul.Czestochowska 14/2; www.decentrum.prv.pl

EMANCYPUNX - anarcha-feminist group; po box 145; 02-792 Warszawa 78.

FA (Anarchist Federation) - federation of polish anarchists consisting of many local groups.

FA- virtual collective sercretary - biurofa@go2.pl

FA-Biala Podlaska - fabp@poczta.onet.pl

FA-Bialystok - wildeast@poczta.onet.pl

FA-Czestochowa - akiclasiak@wp.pl

FA/RSA Gdansk - jwal@pg.gda.pl

FA-Inowroclaw - pychu@poczta.onet.pl

FA-Krakow - lukasdab@poczta.onet.pl

FA-Lublin - falublin@poczta.onet.pl

FA-Lodz - falodz@poczta.onet.pl

FA-Opole - sobol13@o2.pl

FA-Ostrowiec Sw. - marcin@natura.most.org.pl

FA-Poznan - fa-poznan@o2.pl

FA-Rzeszow - xjedrusx@o2.pl

FA-Slupsk - onetbifaid@poczta.onet.pl

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FA-Szczecin - fa_szn@interia.pl; winanar@wp.pl

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FA-Wroclaw - ahm@o2.pl

FA Zyrardow - sidtom@poczta.wp.pl

Food Not Bombs / Gdansk - po box 118; 80-470 Gdansk 45.

Food Not Bombs / Olsztyn - edelweiss@o2.pl.

Food Not Bombs / Rzeszow - ul.Kustronia 6/48; 35-303 Rzeszow; tel.602769138.

Food Not Bombs / Gliwice - "S.E.K.W. Krzyk"; po box 2; 44-101 Gliwice. www.food.gliwice.com

"FREEDOM" - Centre of Animation an Alternative Culture / Anarchist Centre & Collective; ul. Jagielonczyka 10D; Wroclaw. freedom69@go2.pl

Grupa Anarchistyczna "Solidarnosc" (Anarchist Group "Solidarity") po box 12; 60-975 Poznan 61.

"INFOSZOP" - infoshop / anarchist & feminist library / info cafe in Warsaw; ul.Lotewska 11; Saska Kepa; Warszawa. Open: Monday-Thursday 18°°-20°°, Saturday 13°°-17°°, Sunday 14°°-17°°; www.alter.most.org.pl/infoshop; tel. +48 503676482

Inicjatywa Pracownicza FA / IP-FA (Workers Initiative of FA) - federation of groups linked to FA focusing on support for workers;

IP-FA / Szczecin - Dominik Sawicki, po box 53; 70-474 Szczecin 34.

IP-FA / Silesia - po box 2; 44-100 Gliwice; inicjatywa_silesia@hoga.pl

KOLEKTYW AUTONOMISTOW (Collective of Autonomists) - group of activist po box 13; 87-116 Torun 17; michoo77@poczta.onet.pl

"KROMERA" - squat/culture centre; ul.Kromera 6a; Wroclaw.

LETS - Local Economy Trade System in Krakow. testcyf@kr.edu.pl

LETS - Local Ekonomy Trade System in Poznan. lets@poland.com

"LITTLE MARY" - anarchist squat in Czestochowa; ul.Warszawska 249/25;

"Mac Pariadka" - anarchist magazine in polish; pariadka@polbox.com

"PILON" - underground bar/caffe open Mo-Sa from 6pm; adress: ulica Bulwar Filadelfijski - Torun (under the only one car bridge in the city). pilon@poczta.onet.pl web:http://www.pilon.prv.pl

RAAF (Radical Anti-Fascist Action) - www.antifa-wildeast.prv.pl ; po box 43; 15-662 Bialystok 26. pkropotkin@wp.pl

"Radical Cheer Leaders" - anarchist female cheer leaders team based in Warszawa. Contact through Emancypunx.

"ROZBRAT" - squat / anarchist centre, ul.Pulaskiego 21a; Poznan.

S.E.K.W. "KRZYK" - squat / anarchist centre, po box 2; 44-101 Gliwice (ul.Sienkiewicza 25; tel.+48 504878370).

"streFA" - infoshop in Szczecin; ul.Domanskiego 1c, tel.504935357.

"SZWEJK" - anti-military service; ul.Pulaskiego 21a; po box 5; 60-966 Poznan 31

"TEKNO COLLECTIVE" - underground techno crew from Torun; sadi@poczta.onet.pl

WIEDZMA (the WITCH) - anarcha feminist group; www.wiedzma.w.pl

"YA BANDA - anarchist samba band Milanowek/Warszawa. olga23@go2.pl

Romania

AACTIV-IST Collective Timisoara, Antifa autonome / anarchist punk group - aactivistcollective@yahoo.com; pinkpanthers@k.ro; aac@bumerang.ro

A Nera - ecological, social and (counter) cultural center; in the mountains Cheile Nerei; aactivistcollective@yahoo.com

Actiunea Anarhista (Anarchist Action) - spleenpatty@yahoo.com

C.A.F. (Craiova Anarho Front) - anarchist collective from city of Craiova; libertatero@yahoo.com

Gluga Neagra / Black Hood - distribution & bookings for diy concerts / tours; aactivistcollective@yahoo.com

INFO-PROPAGANDA - anarchist leaflets publishing from Craiova; libertatero@yahoo.com , libertatera@yahoo.com

MISCAREA UNDERGROUND TIMISOARA - (UNDERGROUND MOVEMENT TIMISOARA); www.ugtn.go.ro

URA - anarchopunk fanzine from Craiova; http://www.waste.org/~roadrunner/horea/roman.html

LOVE KILLS - woman anarchopunk zine / Craiova; libertatero@yahoo.com libertatera@yahoo.com

"Revolta !" - bymonthly anarchist & diy hc/punk newsletter / Timisoara; aactivistcollective@yahoo.com

"Revolutionshop" - anarchist infoshop in Craiova; revolutionshop@hotmail.com

www.proiectns.org - grassroots activist site

www.miscareapunk.go.ro - site about punk (and not only) in Romania

Russia

Alliance of Kazan Anarchists - antimil@narod.ru; http://antimil.narod.ru

"ANARCHIVE" - russian language electronic library and archive of anarchist theory and practice; http://anarchive.da.ru

Anarchist group of Nizhni Novgorod - P. O. Box 25 603104 Nizhni Novgorod Russia ad_nn@mail.ru

Animal and Earth Liberation in Russia - PO Box, 135, Sochi, Russia, 354065. e-mail:anliberation@rambler.ru

ANTI-FA Samara - anti_fa@mail.ru

Association of Anarchist Movements (ADA) - see "Noviy Swet" newspaper contact adress

"Epicenter" - anarchist infoshop in St.Petersburg; Phone: +7(812)2323344; post: Epicenter c/o Vladimir Tarasov, PO Box 103, 190013, St.Petersburg, Russia. e-mail: epicenter-infoshop@nm.ru

Free Trade Unions Confederation - Tomsk; http://kulac.narod.ru

Indymedia Russia - (in Russian language)
http://russia.indymedia.org;
indyru@mail333.com;
indymoskwa@pochtamt.ru (Moscow);
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IOKAS / Irkutsk Organization Of Anarcho-Syndycalist Federation - www.angelfire.com/ia/IOKAS; sidorovan@mail.ru

JERRY RUBIN CLUB - Moscow punk club, cooperating with anarchists and environmentalists; jrc@nm.ru; http://jarryclub.narod.ru

KRAS - IWA (Confederation of Revolutionary Anarchosyndikalists) - Moscow: c/o Vadim Damier; -Pereulok Alynova 13 Kv 24; 107258 Moscow; comanar@mail.ru; http://www.geocities.com/lib-comru

"MEGAPHON" - magazine of anarchist, anticapitalist, antiwar, labour, environmental and other kinds of activism; megaphon@mail333.com

"NOVIY SVET" - anarchist newspaper; newworld@mail.admiral.ru; http://novsvet.narod.ru (all issues since 1989).

"NOZHI i VILKI" - political punk/hardcore fanzine; zilonis@newmail.ru; Dmitry Ivanov, p.o. box 30, S.-Petersburg, 195009, Russia

OLD SKOOL KIDS - punk/hardcore label and distro; oldschoolkids@yahoo.com; http://oskids.nm.ru

Petersburg Antiwar CommitteE - see "Noviy Swet" contact adress

Petersburg League of Anarchists - see "Noviy Swet" contact adress

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S.H. SOUND SYSTEM - label & distro including political punk stuff; http://svinokop.narod.ru: diyhc@yahoo.com

Siberian Confederation of Labour - Omsk; http:// [illegible]alist.narod.ru/

"[illegible]" - anarchist magazine of revolution and co[illegible] Vladlen Tupikin, p.o. box 80, m-208, M[illegible]/208, Russia; [illegible]ail333.com

[illegible] Serge's Library" - anarchist & commu-[illegible]ary:

"VOLYA" - anarchist newspaper (since 1989); obschtschina@pisem.net; http://volja.nm.ru

"ZHEST" - anarcho-feminist magazine; zhest@pisem.ne

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Autonomous Action - network of anarchist & libertarian groups all over Russia. po box 13;109028 Moscow. fak-kr@mail.ru

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"Avtonom" - regular publication of Autonomous Action.

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Websites of groups linked to Autonomous Action:

http://ad-direct.newmail.ru - federal site maintained from Novorossisk

http://redskin.newmail.ru - Red and Anarchist Skinheads RASH, maintained from Novorossisk

http://antijob.nm.ru - site against work, maintained from Moscow

http://anti-fa.da.ru -Anti-fascist project "Black and Green resistance" from Samara

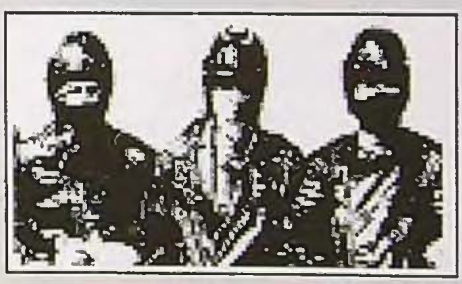
http://potok.hotmail.ru - website against Blue Stream gas pipeline, maintained from Novorossisk

http://www.ad-nn.narod.ru - Nizhni Novgorod group of anarchists

http://www.poet5.narod.ru - website of anarchist culture, maintained from Nizhni Novgorod

http://www.tao.ca/~dikobraz/distro - A-distro, biggest distributor of Anarchist literature in the former Soviet Union

http://www.almaty-liberta.boom.ru - Libertarian communists in Kazakhstan.



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ASI / Anarcho-Syndicalist Initiative - is@inicijativa.org (international secretary); www.inicijativa.org

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IAS-ADA - anarchist library of local group of IAS: c/o Slobodan Gajin, Vojvodjanskih Brigada 15b/8, 24430 Ada.

RRR (Radical Resourse Room) - polit/cultural project in Kraljevo; kontra@pit.yu; www.kontra-punkt.info

Subwar Collective - Belgrade; shavedwomen216@yahoo.com

www.anarchy-serbia.tk - new anarcho side from Serbia

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AFA-Bratislava (Antifasisticka Akcia Bratislava) - bacity_afa@yahoo.com

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Nakladatelstvo Bod Zlomu (NBZ, Point of Fault) - publisher of anarchist literature; lack of contact adress.

PRIAMA AKCIA (Direct Action) - radical social anarchist organization / anarchist union; po box 16; 840 08 Bratislava 48; priamaakcia@yahoo.com

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AFA LJ - Antifasisticna Akcija Ljubliana; anarchist AFA group; afa.lj@volja.net

AKD IZBRUH KULTURNI BAZEN - autonomous culture centre in squated swimm-pool in Kranj; www.akd-izbruh.tk; akd_izbruh@yahoo.com

SAF / Social Anarchist Federation - saf.info@email.si

www.ruleless.com - slovenian anarchist portal

Ukraine

"anarh akbar" - @-zine from city of Sumy; P.O.Box 131; 40-030 Sumy; Ukraina (no name on envelope!)

Autonomous Action / Lugansk - com_act@mail.ru

"Nabat" - ukrainian libertarian anarchist newspaper, www.nabat.info; azaroff@hotbox.ru

www.zaraz.org - page of anarchists from Kyiv

www.tigra-nigra.by.ru - anarchist group from Kyiv

Turkey

ABC / Anarchist Black Crescent - abcankara@yahoo.com

"Isimsiz" - anarchist counter-magazine; isimsiz_dergi@yahoo.com

"Kara Gazete" - anarchist street newsletter; http://karagazete.ports.com

kara tren kolektifi (blacktrain collective) - traveling distribution of anarchist literature, info and material; karatren@softhome.net;

http://ankarafanzin.freeservers.com - zine from Ankara

http://veganarsi.cjb.net - anarcho-primitivist zine

www.geocities.com/kaosyayinlari - anarchist publisher in istanbul

www.mecmu-a.org - magazine from Istanbul

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WOMEN SUMMER CAMP

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The 3rd EUROPEAN CONFERENCE of PGA

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www.pgaconference.org

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